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**THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS  
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## THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Gerke, Mr. President Mathers, Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor Schwinden, leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties in the House and Senate, Members and Staff of the 46th Legislative Assembly, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

This is the third time in the 90 year history of our state that the Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court has been invited to speak to a joint session of the Legislature on the State of the Judiciary. You are to be commended for your desire and willingness to acquaint yourselves with the operations, conditions and problems of this coordinate branch of state government. I am doubly pleased to be invited to speak to you for the first time, in view of my short tenure as your Chief Justice.

Today I want to take you on a brief tour of Montana's judicial system, give you an overview of its condition, and highlight four areas for your consideration together with our recommendations.

In this period of increasing complexity and growth, I am pleased to report to you that the Montana Supreme Court is substantially current in hearing and deciding cases filed before it. This past year has been a particularly trying time for the Supreme Court in servicing its caseload for two principal reasons: (1) the increase in volume and complexity of cases that have been filed before it, and (2) we were short one member of the Court for approximately three months during the nomination and selection process of a new Chief Justice and thereafter a new Justice.

At the beginning of this year, 1979, the Supreme Court was current in calendaring and hearing cases ready for oral argument. We were substantially but not entirely current in deciding cases submitted to us for written opinions. In 1978 we decided more cases, and wrote more opinions and issued more orders than at any time in the history of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court caseload has increased from 269 cases filed in 1974 to 517 cases filed last year. This reflects a 90% increase. In the last biennium for the first time there were slightly more cases filed each year than the Supreme Court was able to service and conclude. We anticipate a continuation of this trend of increasing caseloads and find no basis for believing otherwise. We have been and will continue to make management changes to improve our efficiency, but the basic problem of an ever increasing caseload reflects trends which are deeply inbedded in our society. These trends will not suddenly nor miraculously disappear.

This increasing volume of cases at the appellate level is substantially greater in Montana than in our neighboring and roughly comparable states. As compared to the 517 cases filed in the Montana Supreme Court last year, the Supreme Courts of our neighboring states had these caseloads: Idaho, 323 cases; South Dakota, 225 cases; North Dakota, 200 cases; and Wyoming, 157 cases.



To cope with this trend and insure quality judicial service to the people of Montana, we recommend for your consideration the addition of two Justices to the Montana Supreme Court. We do not make this recommendation lightly, but only after careful consideration of all available alternatives.

At the time of the 1972 Constitutional Convention, the delegates perceived a need at some future time to increase the size of Montana's Supreme Court and empowered the Legislature to increase the number of Justices from four to six (in addition to the Chief Justice). At that time the caseload of the Supreme Court was 200 cases. It is now 517 cases, an increase of over 150%. By the time the next session of the Legislature meets, the caseload, based on present trends, will have increased to well over 600 cases. This is an unmanageable load with existing personnel and resources.

The District Courts have experienced increases in case filings statewide from 20,160 cases in 1974 to 28,662 last year. This represents an increase of 42% in that period. The increase has not been uniform over the state and has created an imbalance in caseloads among Montana's 19 judicial districts and among Montana's 31 district judges. In general, the judges and judicial districts containing the larger population centers have experienced the greater proportional increases in caseloads.

Case filings in the District Courts of Montana have in the last two years been increasing at the rate of about 1200 cases per year. We find no reason to anticipate reversal of this trend.

We recommend for your consideration the appointment of a joint legislative committee to study the number and composition of the state's judicial districts and the number of district judges necessary in each district to furnish quality judicial service to the people of Montana. Statistical information to aid you in this task is presently available through our Court Administrator's Office.

The Magistrates Courts in our judicial system include the Justice of the Peace courts and the City courts. The Justice of the Peace courts are essentially county courts, while the latter are part of the municipal court system. I am unable to advise you of the caseloads and increases experienced in these courts as our statewide information gathering system has not yet been expanded to include these courts.

Centralized authority, responsibility and accountability are fundamental to the effective operation of any court system. The 1972 Montana Constitution vested in the Montana Supreme Court "general supervisory control over all other courts" and the authority to "make rules governing . . . practice and procedure for all other courts" subject to a veto power in the Legislature.

To date, we have exercised this supervisory control largely through the medium of writs of supervisory control in cases brought before us. Much remains yet to be done. There remains a definite need for establishing administrative control, supervision and accountability in one person in multiple judge judicial districts in this state. We are attempting to address this problem in a case now before us. You should learn the results of our efforts during this legislative session.

There is a definite need for uniform rules of practice and procedure in the district courts of Montana. We have been unable to accomplish this to date due to a lack of time and manpower.

There is a definite need for revision and up-dating of the rules of practice and procedure of various boards and commissions functioning under the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is presently in the process of re-examining and establishing qualifications and eligibility for admission to the practice of law. The Canons of Professional Ethics governing the ethical conduct of lawyers and the Canons of Judicial Ethics governing the ethical conduct of judges need modernization and up-grading. We have just completed improved forms and procedural rules for handling applications for writs of habeas corpus and post-conviction relief suggested by the Attorney General some months ago.

This brings us to a third recommendation for your consideration—funding for an experienced staff attorney for the Supreme Court to enable us to address and complete these needed reforms, among other duties. We recently secured approximately six months funding for this position through federal LEAA funds administered by the Board of Crime Control. We earnestly recommend your funding of this much needed position for the coming biennium.

Another feature vital to an effective state judiciary is court administration. With the financial assistance you provided last session, we have made substantial and significant progress in this area.

Under Mr. Mike Abley, our Court Administrator since February, 1978, and his staff, we have developed and implemented a Judicial Management Information System conceived and initiated by former Chief Justice Paul Hatfield. Essentially this is a statewide information gathering system that provides us with statistical information on court operations to enable us to make rational judicial management decisions relating to the operation of the district courts in each county, in each judicial district, and statewide. It includes statistical data on our own Supreme Court operations to aid us in making reasoned management decisions in that area.

This system tells us, on both a monthly and yearly basis, where every District Court case is, its status, which judge is responsible for it, and how long the case has been in the system. The statistics include all types of cases in the District Courts and in the Supreme

Court. The statistical information is presently available on a manual retrieval basis, and should be fully computerized and automated for instant retrieval within the next 60 to 90 days.

The Judicial Management Information System has been accomplished through the cooperation of the Clerks of the District Court in each of our 56 counties. The clerks complete the uniform case reporting documents developed by the Court Administrator and his staff and forward them to Helena where they are checked, edited and compiled by the Court Administrator's staff. The documents are then processed by a Central Data Processing unit. Monthly and annual reports are thus generated. Upon full automation and achievement of an instantaneous computerized retrieval capability within the next 60 to 90 days, we intend to disseminate the statistical information to each District Court to assist each in the proper judicial management of its operations.

During the past year we have become heavily involved in in-state training programs for county and city judges and court support personnel of the District Courts. We have found that in-state training sessions, where possible, are more cost effective than out of-state-training.

One orientation training session for new Justices of the Peace and two training sessions on search and seizure provided training for 163 lower court judges covering 5,320 training hours.

Two in-state training sessions for Clerks of the District Court were held covering records management and court planning. Fifty-four clerks attended covering 1424 training hours. Additionally 7 clerks attended out-of-state training seminars covering court information and record-keeping systems for a total of 440 training hours.

On the District Court level, 11 district judges attended training sessions covering district court judicial functions for a total of 500 man hours. Most of these sessions were held at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

In the area of long range planning for the future, we have 5 committees in operation: District Courts, chaired by Justice John C. Sheehy; Clerks of Court and Court Reporters, chaired by District Judge Leonard Langen of Glasgow; Sentencing, chaired by District Judge Gordon Bennett of Helena; Prosecution and Defense, chaired by District Judge James Salansky of Kalispell; and the Commission of Lower Courts, chaired by District Judge William Coder of Great Falls. Our target is to have the first draft of a comprehensive plan by next December. Our efforts have been slowed somewhat as our former director of Court Planning, Mike Abley, doubled up on two positions when he was appointed Court Administrator last February at a substantial saving of public monies.

You should be made aware of the work of other important Boards and Commissions functioning under the Supreme Court. The Board of Bar Examiners, chaired by Attorney Robert Poore of Butte is responsible for the preparation, grading and administration of the annual bar examinations for applicants seeking admission to the practice of law. In 1978 66 applicants took the examinations and 55 were successful.

The Commission on Practice, chaired by Attorney Cale Crowley of Billings, investigates complaints against lawyers. In the last eight months of 1978 this Commission investigated and processed 91 complaints against lawyers.

The Judicial Standards Commission, chaired by District Judge A. B. Martin of Miles City, investigates complaints against judges. In 1978 it investigated and processed 12 complaints, with one still pending.

The Sentence Review Division, chaired by District Judge Jack Shanstrom of Livingston, provides review of sentences imposed in criminal cases. It reviewed 68 criminal sentences in 1978.

The Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, chaired by District Judge William Coder of Great Falls, has designed and implemented a uniform accounting system for Justices of the Peace and City Court Magistrates, has nearly completed uniform rules of practice and procedure for those courts, and oversees training programs for those courts.

There are other items of interest. There is a continuing need for a joint building to house the Supreme Court, the Attorney General and his legal staff, and the State Law Library. Such a facility would provide needed space in the Capitol building for the Legislature and its activities. A Supreme Court building has been on the planning board for many years. We earnestly commend it to you for your consideration at this legislative session.

The State Law Library has undergone substantial modernization and up-grading in the last biennium under the able direction and leadership of our professional law librarian, Claire Engel. According to our Librarian, the State Law Library now contains about 55,000 volumes, with 2166 volumes having been added in the last biennium.

There has been a substantial substitution of modern legal works and materials for outdated and obsolescent research materials. A modern cataloging program is well underway. The State Law Library provides needed research, books and materials for the Supreme Court, the Legislature and its staff, all agencies of state government and their attorneys, and District Court Judges and lawyers throughout the state. It is an essential resource for the judicial system.

Our Clerk of Court, Thomas Kearney, and his staff, have been of great assistance to us in performing the many and complex services involved in Supreme Court operations. Automation of the record-keeping and notification functions of his office should be completed in the next biennium.

We have several new judges in our District Courts and on the Supreme Court since you last met. The 45th Session of the Legislature created additional district judgeships in the 13th and 18th Judicial Districts, recently filled by the election of Judge Diane Barz of Billings and Judge Joseph Gary of Bozeman. Other vacancies were filled by the judicial nomination and selection process provided in our Constitution and implementing statutes which require confirmation by the Senate: Judge Robert Holter of Libby in the 19th Judicial District; Judge James Wheelis of Missoula in the 4th Judicial District; Judge John McCarvel of Great Falls in the 8th Judicial District; and Justice John C. Sheehy of Billings, and myself on the Supreme Court.

There have also been substantial changes in the number of attorneys licensed to practice in Montana. In the last few years the number of attorneys licensed to practice has increased each year at the rate of 100 to 125. The impact of this increase on Montana's judicial system has been felt in part in the volume of cases filed in our courts and in servicing the legal needs of numerous state and federal agencies.

The School of Law at the University of Montana has performed substantial service for the judiciary and legal profession of our state. The faculty and students at the law school have operated the Montana Defender Project for many years which investigates, researches and provides legal services for indigent inmates of our jails and prison thereby saving the taxpayers' money. The law library there has provided research facilities and materials to the judiciary and legal profession which are unobtainable elsewhere. The Dean and faculty have developed a legal intern program to better prepare students for practice in the courts of this state.

We in the Judicial System of Montana are doing all we can to provide quality judicial services that the people of Montana expect and demand. Consider for a moment if your liberty, your property, or the custody of your children were before a Montana court, what standards of judicial services, what quality, and what integrity would you want and expect if these matters were before a Montana judge for determination?

I believe the time to press forward is now. With your assistance, we can have a judicial system that will provide quality judicial services in our time. We must not wait until tomorrow.

I recall the words of a famous American of another era addressing another crisis which is equally appropriate at this time, "Give us the tools and we will do the work".

Thank you.



## STRUCTURE OF MONTANA'S JUDICIARY



The judicial power of the state is vested in a three-tiered structure of appellate, general, and limited jurisdiction represented by the state Supreme Court, District Courts and Justice Courts.

## **SUPREME COURT**

The state Supreme Court functions in two ways: (1) as an appellate court or a court of review, and (2) as a court of original jurisdiction. Appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction to District Courts must be trials de novo. The Supreme Court has original and concurrent jurisdiction over extraordinary writs. Its administrative authority over bench and bar is broad, including: “supervisory control over all courts;” the power to make all rules of practice and procedure subject to disapproval by the Legislature; and the authority to regulate admission to the bar and the conduct of its members.

At present there are five justices on the Supreme Court bench. In the event of disqualification or disability of the chief justice or a justice, a District Court judge may be substituted, with his opinion having the full effect of that of a justice. Trials, with or without a jury, are conducted in all courts except the Supreme Court. No trials are held by the Supreme Court, and witnesses are seldom presented or questioned there.

## **DISTRICT COURTS**

District Courts are Montana’s courts of general jurisdiction. The District Courts of Montana exercise: original and exclusive jurisdiction over all felonies; original jurisdiction over all cases in law and equity; and the power to issue such writs as are appropriate to (their) jurisdiction. Currently there are 19 districts in Montana, ranging in size from 715 square miles to more than 23,000 square miles, and in population from about 10,000 to nearly 130,000. During the period covered by this report, these districts were served by 29 judges. Three of the 19 districts had three judges assigned; four districts had two judges assigned; and the remaining 12 districts were single-judge districts.



## **JUSTICE COURTS**

Justice of the Peace Courts are Montana's major courts of limited jurisdiction. They are denied jurisdiction over felonies except for initial appearances and preliminary hearings. Their original jurisdiction presently includes most civil cases where a recovery will not exceed \$1,500; all misdemeanors punishable by fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months; and the disposition of all arrests made by the Highway Patrol. These courts also exercise current jurisdiction with the District Courts in actions of forcible entry and unlawful detainer. There must be at least one Justice of the Peace in each of the 56 Montana counties. At present, there are 141 Justices of the Peace and City judges.

## **LOCAL COURTS**

Below the Justice Court level, Montana statutes allow the creation of City Courts. These courts have concurrent jurisdiction with Justice of the Peace Courts; but exercise exclusive jurisdiction over municipal ordinances. Justices of the Peace may be appointed by a town council to serve as City Court judges.

Montana statutes also allow for the creation of Municipal Courts for those cities that have a population of 10,000 or more. These courts have the same jurisdiction as the Justice Courts. Presently, there is only one Municipal Court in operation in Montana.

# SUMMARY OF JURISDICTION EXERCISED BY MONTANA COURTS

## • CONSTITUTIONAL WRITS

Supervisory Control  
Other Necessary Writs

Mandamus  
Certiorari  
Prohibition  
Injunction  
Quo Warranto  
Habeas Corpus

**SUPREME COURT**  
Chief Justice & Four  
Associate Justices

## • CIVIL ACTIONS

Equitable Remedies

Claims Exceeding \$1,500

Claims Less Than \$1,500

Divorce  
Annulment  
Bankruptcy  
Probate

Forcible Entry and  
Unlawful Detainer

**DISTRICT COURTS**  
19 Judicial Districts  
29 District Judges

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
COURTS**

## • CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS

Felonies

Misdemeanors

*Misdemeanors—*  
Fine less than \$501;  
imprisonment not  
exceeding 6 months

**CITY COURTS**

**MUNICIPAL COURTS\***

## • MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES

Licenses  
Traffic Violations  
Municipal Taxes

Original Action Taken →  
Appeal Taken →

\* Only one Municipal Court is in operation in Montana.

**SUPREME COURT STATISTICS**



## **SUPREME COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY**

The Montana Supreme Court continued to witness significant increases in the number of appellate matters filed before it. In 1978, 517 cases were filed. This figure represents a 10% increase over 1977 filings, and a 174% increase over 1970 figures.

In the face of these filings, the Supreme Court has also managed to increase its total productivity as measured through case dispositions. In 1978, dispositions totaled 475. This figure represents a 79% increase in the number of dispositions since 1974.

Civil and criminal appeals constituted the major business before the Supreme Court. In 1978, 71% (368) of all the cases filed in the Supreme Court were appeals from the state's lower courts. Of these appeals, 57% (294) were civil and 14% (74) were criminal, with original proceedings accounting for 29% (149) of the total caseload. While there has been a significant increase in the number of appellate matters since 1970, the percentage of those filings that are original proceedings appears to be declining.

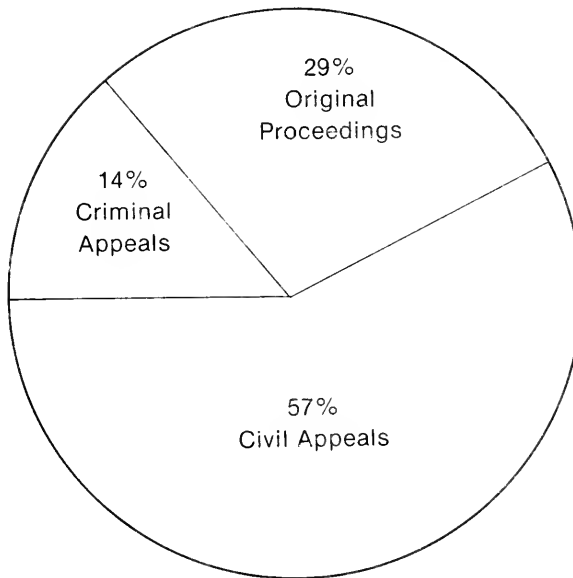
In the area of case dispositions, a significant majority of the total cases disposed in 1978 was by written opinion. In fact, 57% (269) of the total cases disposed in 1978 were by written opinion; 38% (182) were disposed of through denials or dismissals; and 5% (24) were disposed of by other means.

The tables and charts that follow provide a more comprehensive review of the caseload trends that have developed over the past eight years.

## APPELLATE CASE FILINGS

### *Case Category Percentages*

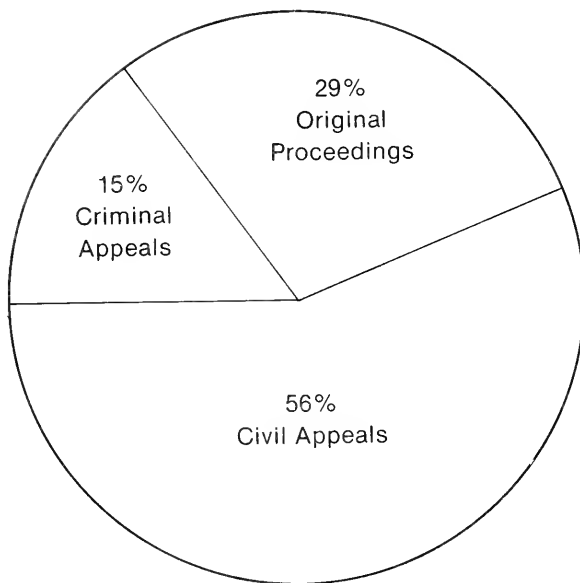
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## APPELLATE CASE DISPOSITIONS

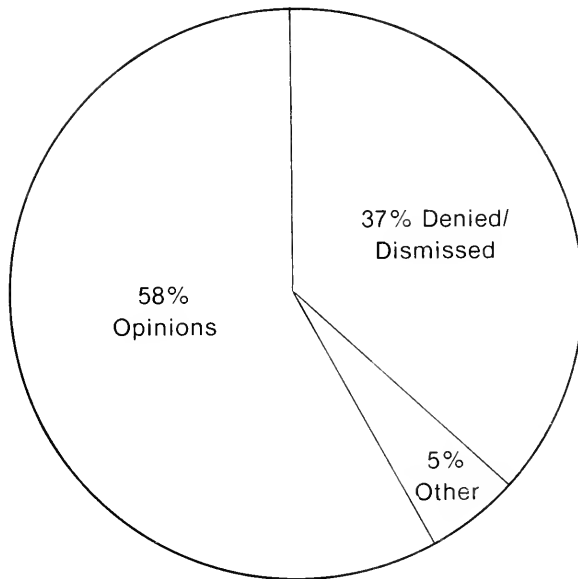
### *Case Category Percentages*

(Total Dispositions = 475)



## APPELLATE CASE DISPOSITIONS

### *Disposition Type Percentages*



## APPELLATE CASE FILING TRENDS

YEAR	ORIGINAL PROCEED.	% OF TOTAL CASELOAD	CIVIL APPEALS	% OF TOTAL CASELOAD	CRIMINAL APPEALS	% OF TOTAL CASELOAD	TOTAL CASELOAD
1970	68	36%	102	54%	19	10%	189
1971	62	32%	111	56%	24	12%	197
1972	69	29%	145	61%	22	9%	236
1973	85	36%	124	52%	30	12%	239
1974	83	30%	155	58%	31	12%	269
1975	113	38%	149	50%	37	12%	299
1976	118	29%	247	60%	44	11%	409
1977	92	20%	275	58%	102	22%	469
1978	149	29%	294	57%	74	14%	517



## APPELLATE CASE FILING COMPARISONS

YEAR	CASE FILINGS	1978 FILINGS	% OF INCREASE
1970	189	517	174%
1971	197	517	162%
1972	236	517	119%
1973	239	517	116%
1974	269	517	92%
1975	299	517	73%
1976	409	517	26%
1977	469	517	10%

## APPELLATE CASE DISPOSITION COMPARISONS

YEAR	CASE DISP'TIONS	1978 DISP'TIONS	% OF INCREASE
1974	265	475	79%
1975	279	475	70%
1976	295	475	61%
1977	463	475	3%

**DISTRICT COURT STATISTICS**



## EXPLANATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The statistical summaries that follow reflect District Court caseload for the Fiscal Year - ending June 30, 1978. Case type filings are provided in seven (7) categories. These categories include the following types of filings:

CRIMINAL: Felonies; high misdemeanors; extraditions, criminal appeals (City and J.P.).

CIVIL: Personal injury; property damage; condemnation; lien; foreclosure; eviction; partition; quiet title; agreement suits; injunctions; declaratory judgments; certificate of amount due; warrant of distrain, abstract of judgment, transcript of judgment; mandamus; habeas corpus; habitual traffic offender; note; wage claim; amount due; unlawful detainer; zoning; taxes; and water rights.

### DOMESTIC

RELATIONS: Marriage dissolution; invalid marriage; legal separation, URESA (outgoing); URESA (incoming); paternity

JUVENILE: Youth in need of care (YINC); Youth in need of supervision (YINS).

PROBATE: Formal probate; informal probate; supervised probate; guardianship; conservatorship; trust.

INSANITY: Mentally ill; inebriation (commitments).

ADOPTIONS: Adoptions (minor or adult).

Column 1 (Original Filings) in each of the Caseload Tables reflects an actual count made by either the Clerk of the District Court or staff of the Court Administrator's Office for the previously mentioned period. Column 2 (Reopened Filings) is an estimated figure based on a statistical extrapolation from a 14-county sample, in which a physical count of case reopenings was made by either the Clerks of the District Court or Court Administrative staff. Column 3 (Total Filings) is again an estimated figure representing the addition of Columns 1 and 2.

Column 4 (Case Dispositions) is an estimated figure based on the statistical extrapolation of the 14-county sample. Column 5 (Dispositions - Average Time in Days) are actual time averages based on actual cases filed and disposed by the District Courts during the previously mentioned period of time. Some 25,000 District Court cases were analyzed by computer. None of the caseload figures attempt to reflect those cases handled by judges out-of-district through substitutions (disqualification) provisions.

The "Thruput" Column depicts the ratio between filings and dispositions. Since no attempt was made to compile a figure for the number of cases pending in the District Courts at the close of FY 1978, this ratio was derived as an indicator of how well the District Courts were coping with the workload confronting them.

Thruput can be visualized in the following manner. In order for a particular Court to stay even with the cases that are being filed, it must dispose of cases on a ratio of one to one. That is, one case filing must be equalled by one case disposition. If the ratio falls below a one to one ratio (one case is filed but only  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of a case is being disposed), the number of cases pending will increase. If the ratio is above a one to one ratio (one case is filed and two cases are disposed), the number of pending cases will decrease.

The ratio depicted in the Thruput column is a percentage. A figure of 100% indicates that the particular jurisdiction is staying even. A figure over 100% indicates that the particular jurisdiction is not only staying even but is disposing of cases that have accumulated as a

“backlog”. A figure below 100% indicates that that particular jurisdiction is not staying even with the cases that are being filed.

The Methods of Disposition Table reflects an actual percentage calculation based on the 25,000 District Court cases analyzed by computer. The figures derived for judicial district population, population density and square miles were obtained from tables provided by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana. The figures compiled for Attorney population were derived from the Montana Directory of Attorneys 1977-78. Excluded from this compilation were attorneys who were judges or high-ranking government officials.

## BACKGROUND STATEMENT

The statistical tables that follow this narrative represent the first attempt, ever, by any agency of Montana state government to collect, complete and display general jurisdiction trial court data, indepth. Prior to this time, caseload data was collected on an ad hoc basis through statewide surveys. Little or no detailed breakdowns of case types was ever collected. Additionally, these surveys encountered definitional problems as to what should be counted by the Clerks of the Court as a "case". These definitional problems still exist, but a substantial beginning has been made over the last two years in defining, in uniform terms, what actions should be counted as cases and to which category of cases actions belong.

The judicial data displayed is another stone in the foundation laid during the 1977 Legislative session when the State of the Judiciary Address of the Chief Justice provided the first caseload information from the District Courts since a 1974 survey conducted by the Legislative Council. As stated in an interim study by the Subcommittee on the Judiciary, published in December of 1976:

"Sound judicial data are vital to managing and improving the courts. Without the information that statistics provide, a judicial system is not accountable to the citizens who benefit from and fund the courts. . . . Judicial statistics provide general information to the public and help channel legislative action into those areas of the judicial structure most in need of assistance. In the absence of sound judicial data, "assumptions are asserted as facts and conjecture as concrete suggestions."

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Subcommittee on the Judiciary Report to the 45th Montana Legislature on Montana's District Courts, December, 1976, p. 12.

It is also important to note that the caseload figures depicted in the statistical tables are given equal weight. That is, because of the lack of more detailed case information, each case counted is assumed to demand an equal amount of judge time in its various forms. This assumption, of course, is false. "Differences in terms of court time, preparation by the judge, hearings by the judge in his chambers, motions, etc., all consume varying amounts of court time depending on the type of case before the court."<sup>2</sup> The inherent responsibilities related to cases, such as travel time and administration, are not quantified but should be kept in mind. "The variations in the way judges work, render any equation of workload and caseload imprecise."<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Christopher A. Manning, **Judgeship Criteria: Standards for Evaluating the Need for Additional Judges** (Chicago: American Judicature Society Research Study, 1973), p. 11

<sup>3</sup> Joint Subcommittee on the Judiciary Report, p. 35.



## STATISTICAL FINDINGS

During Fiscal Year 1978 (July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978), the 56 District Courts of the state of Montana reported 27,868 original case filings. Cases that were reopened for consideration during the same period of time numbered 1,410. Totally then, the state's 29 District Judges were confronted with 29,278 cases. Of these case filings, 10% (2,842) pertained to criminal matters; 69% (20,185) were in the civil and domestic relations category; and the remaining 21% (6,251) were filings in the area of juvenile, probate, etc.

In response to these filings, the Montana District Court Judiciary disposed of 23,472 cases or approximately 80% of the total of the cases filed. There were 2,442 criminal case dispositions; 16,552 civil case dispositions; and 4,478 dispositions in the areas of juvenile, probate, etc.

Viewing these filings and dispositions in various groupings reveals that 59% (17,376) of these filings and 63% (14,821) of the dispositions took place in the seven (7) counties that had populations over 20,000; 24% (6,928) of the filings and 21% (5,018) of the dispositions in the 15 counties with populations between 10,000 and 20,000; and 17% (4,974) of the filings and 16% (3,633) of the dispositions in the 34 counties with populations under 10,000.

When grouped by attorney population, the seven (7) counties that have 30 or more attorneys again accounted for 59% of the filings and 63% of the dispositions; the nine (9) counties that have attorney populations between 11 and 30 accounted for 14% (4,128) of the filings and 13% (2,986) of the dispositions; and the remaining 40 counties with attorney populations under 11 accounted for 27% (7,774) of the statewide filings and 24% (5,665) of the dispositions.

While the more populous seven counties in terms of people and attorneys correlate well, when viewed in a grouping of population density, the highest density counties account for

only 34% (9,963) of the states case filings and 36% (8,473) of the dispositions, with those counties with the smallest density accounting for 44% (12,801) of the filings and 42% (9,897) of the dispositions.

As can be seen in the foregoing, these figures reveal that the Montana Judiciary at the District Court level was unable, on the whole, to keep abreast of the workload with which it was confronted in FY 1978. Specifically, while no exact pending case figures are available, it appears that District Court cases pending statewide, increased by 20% at the close of the period covered by this report

Even so, based on computer analysis of District Court cases that were filed and disposed in FY 1978, the average "life" of a "typical" District Court case was 153 days. Criminal cases averaged 121 days in length, statewide; civil cases averaged 132 days.\*

Within the 19 individual judicial districts, the length in time for a typical case ranged from 106 days to 290 days. Within the population groupings, counties with populations over 20,000 had an average time for all case types of 130 days; 171 days was recorded for counties with populations between 10,000 and 20,000; and for those counties with populations below 10,000, the average length was 216 days.

Review of the case filing to disposition ratio, depicted as "Thruput," reveals, as indicated previously, that statewide, the District Court Judiciary disposed of 80% of the total of the cases filed during the period covered by this report. Within the population ranges, the seven (7) most populous counties had a Thruput figure of 85% while the medium and smaller populated counties recorded a Thruput ratio of 72% and 73%, respectfully. Within the individual judicial districts, the Thruput ratio ranged from a low of 70% to a high of 104%.

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\* These figures are averaged. Our data was not complete enough to determine a more complete breakdown within the broad categories of Criminal and Civil cases.

The following tables and charts provide an indepth review of the workload confronting the Montana's District Courts in FY 1978.



**STATE SUMMARY  
OF  
DISTRICT COURT DATA**



# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

## STATE SUMMARY

POPULATION (7/1/1977) 761200  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 145319  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 5.238

## DISTRICT COURTS

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS 56  
 TOTAL JUDGES 19  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1232

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	2550	292	2842	2442	121	85
(2) CIVIL CASES	19347	838	20185	16552	132	82
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	11654	304	11958	9766	151	81
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	7693	534	8227	6786	106	82
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	5971	280	6251	4478	263	71
JUVENILE (DJ)	1276	105	1381	1005	76	72
ADOPTION (DA)	786	3	789	685	36	86
PROBATE (DP)	3537	167	3704	2497	414	67
INSANITY (DI)	372	5	377	291	20	77
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	27868	1410	29278	23472	153	80

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

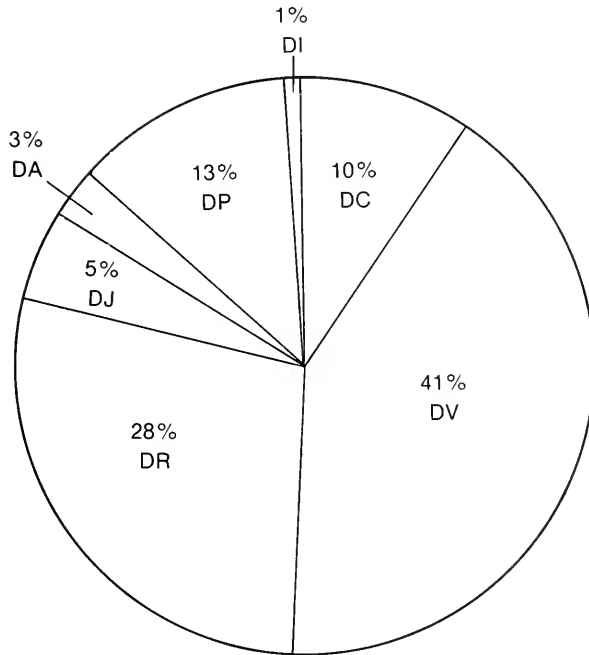
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CRIMINAL	—	—CIVIL & DOM REL—	—JUV. PROB & MISC—		
ACQUITTED	2		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	60	FOR DEFEND	2	GUILTY PLEA	3
GUILTY VERD	5	FOR PLAINT	23	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	20	DISMISSED	17	DISMISSED	5
DEFAULT	2	DEFAULT	34	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	3	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE	3
OTHER	11	OTHER	22	OTHER	88
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## DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS

### *Case Type Percentages*

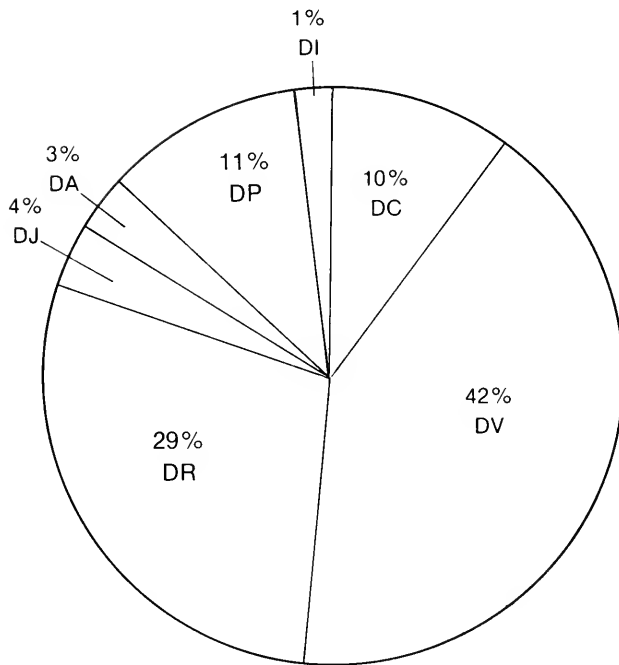
(Total Filings = 29,278)



## DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS

### *Case Type Percentages*

(Total Dispositions = 23,472)

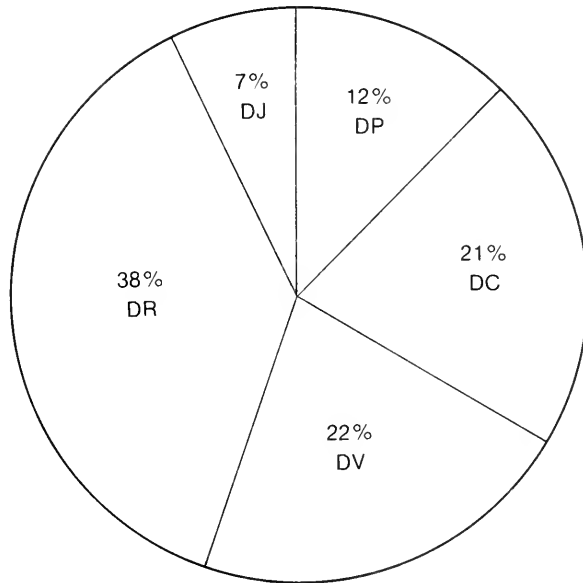




## DISTRICT COURT CASE REOPENINGS

### *Case Type Percentages*

(Total Reopenings = 1,410)

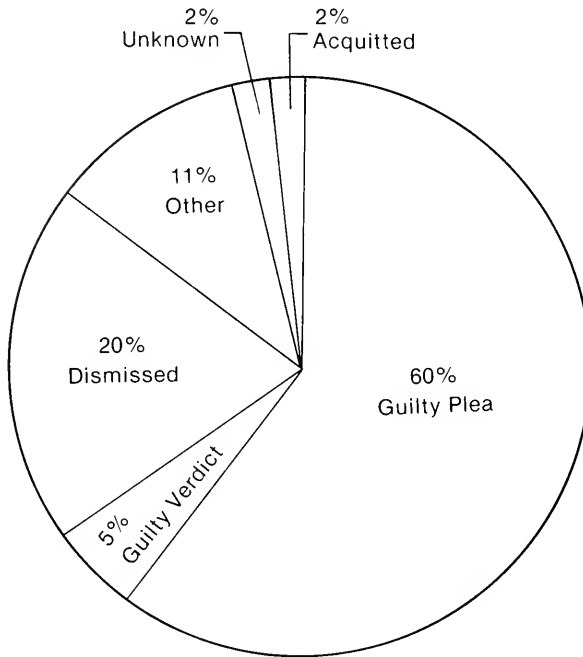


*NOTE: DA & DI make up less than 1%.*

## DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL CASE DISPOSITIONS

### *Disposition Method Percentages*

(Criminal Dispositions = 2,442)

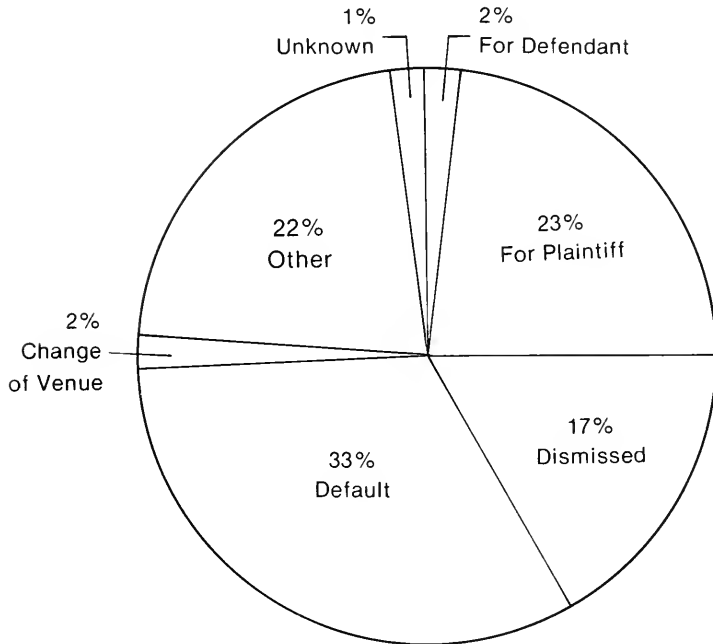


*NOTE: Change of Venue & Default make up less than 1%.*

# DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASE DISPOSITIONS

## *Disposition Method Percentages*

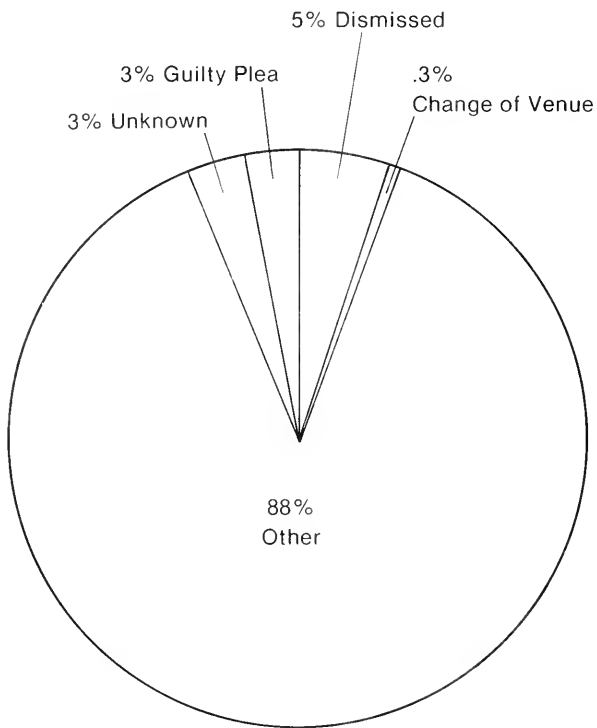
(Civil Dispositions = 16,552)



## DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE, PROBATE, MISC. CASE DISPOSITIONS

### *Disposition Method Percentages*

(Juvenile, Etc., Dispositions = 4,478)



NOTE 1: *Acquitted, Guilty Verdict, and Default all make up less than 1%.*

NOTE 2: *Disposition Type **Other** is disproportionate due to inadequacy of "old" reporting form disposition classifications.*

## POPULATION GROUPINGS

### 1. Counties under 10,000 population:

Petroleum	700	Mineral	3,400
Golden Valley	900	Fallon	4,000
Treasure	1,300	Musselshell	4,700
Wibaux	1,500	Sheridan	5,200
Prairie	1,800	Stillwater	5,300
Garfield	1,800	Phillips	5,400
Carter	1,800	Toole	5,500
Meagher	2,200	Madison	5,700
Powder River	2,400	Teton	6,500
Wheatland	2,400	Chouteau	6,500
Liberty	2,600	Blaine	7,000
Granite	2,700	Jefferson	7,100
Judith Basin	2,800	Pondera	7,400
McCone	2,800	Powell	7,400
Sweet Grass	3,100	Beaverhead	8,200
Broadwater	3,100	Carbon	8,200
Daniels	3,100	Sanders	8,400

### 2. Counties between 10,000 and 20,000population:

Richland	10,200	Custer	13,100
Rosebud	10,500	Fergus	13,300
Roosevelt	10,600	Deer Lodge	14,300
Big Horn	10,700	Lincoln	16,700
Glacier	10,900	Lake	17,600
Dawson	11,400	Hill	18,300
Park	12,500	Ravalli	19,300
Valley	12,600		

### 3. Counties over 20,000 population:

Cascade	84,400	Missoula	66,800
Flathead	46,400	Silver Bow	40,200
Gallatin	38,500	Yellowstone	100,700
Lewis & Clark	39,300		

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY POPULATION RANGE  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 142900  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 78846  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.812

POPULATION CATEGORY 1  
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 34  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 105

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	431	30	461	372	121	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	2999	148	3147	2341	157	74
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	2014	96	2112	1532	186	72
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	985	50	1035	809	112	78
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	1319	47	1366	920	375	67
JUVENILE (DJ)	173	12	185	103	66	55
ADOPTION (DA)	123	0	123	64	53	68
PROBATE (OP)	997	35	1032	714	433	69
INSANITY (DI)	26	0	26	19	7	73
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	4749	225	4974	3633	216	73

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 5		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 196	FOR DEFEND 24	GUILTY PLEA 11
GUILTY VERD 14	FOR PLAINT 282	GUILTY VERD 1
DISMISSED 72	DISMISSED 384	DISMISSED 21
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 549	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 1	CH OF VENUE 60	CH OF VENUE 2
OTHER 57	OTHER 956	OTHER 797
NOT KNOWN 8	NOT KNOWN 62	NOT KNOWN 70

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY POPULATION RANGE  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 202000  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 46713  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.324

POPULATION CATEGORY 2  
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 15  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 174

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Avg TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	673	51	724	800	99	82
(2) CIVIL CASES	4293	241	4534	3472	154	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	2448	79	2527	2009	174	79
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1845	162	2007	1463	132	72
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	1612	58	1670	946	284	56
JUVENILE (DJ)	345	13	358	270	83	75
ADOPTION (DA)	178	1	179	173	39	96
PROBATE (DP)	979	43	1022	396	442	38
INSANITY (DI)	110	1	111	107	35	96
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	6578	350	6928	5018	171	72

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

-- CRIMINAL ---  
 ACQUITTED 13  
 GUILTY PLEA 456  
 GUILTY VERD 62  
 DISMISSED 101  
 DEFAULT 2  
 CH OF VENUE 6  
 OTHER 57  
 NOT KNOWN 8

-CIVIL & DOM REL-  
 FOR DEFEND 55  
 FOR PLAINT 586  
 DISMISSED 644  
 DEFAULT 993  
 CH OF VENUE 79  
 OTHER 899  
 NOT KNOWN 59

-JUV, PROB & MISC  
 ACQUITTED 2  
 GUILTY PLEA 19  
 GUILTY VERD 1  
 DISMISSED 34  
 DEFAULT 9  
 CH OF VENUE 8  
 OTHER 879  
 NOT KNOWN 6

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY POPULATION RANGE  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 416300  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 19760  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 21.068

POPULATION CATEGORY 3  
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 7  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 953

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	ORIG (1)	FILINGS		DISPOSITIONS CASES AVE TIME (4) DAYS (5)	THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
		RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)		
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	1446	211	1657	1470 132	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	12055	449	12504	10739 119	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	7192	127	7319	6225 137	85
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	4863	322	5185	4514 94	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	3040	175	3215	2612 193	81
JUVENILE (DJ)	758	80	838	632 74	75
ADOPTION (DA)	485	2	487	428 35	87
PROBATE (DP)	1561	89	1650	1387 375	84
INSANITY (DI)	236	4	240	165 15	68
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	16541	835	17376	14821 130	85

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	32		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA	963	FUR DEFEND 196	GUILTY PLEA 101
GUILTY VERD	71	FUR PLAINT 2908	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED	375	DISMISSED 1855	DISMISSED 132
DEFAULT	2	DEFAULT 4048	DEFAULT 1
CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE 221	CH OF VENUE 3
OTHER	171	OTHER 1796	OTHER 1767
NOT KNOWN	33	NOT KNOWN 39	NOT KNOWN 44

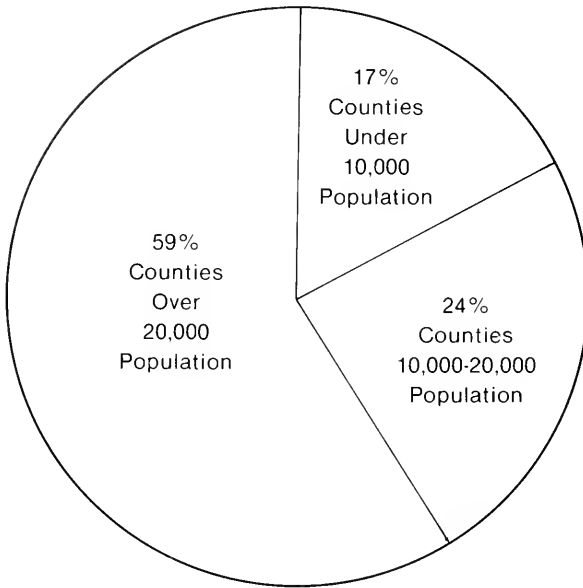


# DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS

*By Population Groupings*

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES OVER 20,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES 10,000 TO 20,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES BELOW 10,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL
<b>DC (Criminal)</b>	2,842	1,657	58.3%	724	25.5%	461	16.2%
<b>DV (Civil)</b>	11,958	7,319	61.2%	2,527	21.1%	2,112	17.7%
<b>DR (Dom. Rel.)</b>	8,227	5,185	63.0%	2,007	24.4%	1,035	12.6%
<b>DJ (Juvenile)</b>	1,381	838	60.7%	358	26.0%	185	13.4%
<b>DA (Adopt.)</b>	789	487	61.7%	179	22.7%	123	15.6%
<b>DP (Probate)</b>	3,704	1,650	44.5%	1,022	27.6%	1,032	27.9%
<b>DI (Insanity)</b>	377	240	63.7%	111	29.4%	26	7.0%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>29,278</b>	<b>17,376</b>	<b>59.3%</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>17.0%</b>

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS  
*By Population Groupings*

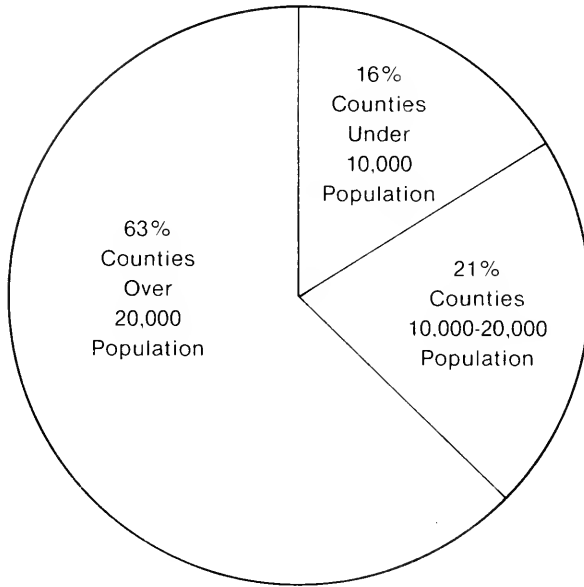


# DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS

*By Population Groupings*

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES OVER 20,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES 10,000 TO 20,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL	COUNTIES BELOW 10,000 POP.	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,442	1,470	60.2%	600	24.6%	372	15.2%
DV (Civil)	9,766	6,225	63.7%	2,009	20.6%	1,532	15.7%
DR (Dom.Rel.)	6,786	4,514	66.5%	1,463	21.5%	809	11.9%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,005	632	62.9%	270	26.7%	103	10.2%
DA (Adopt.)	685	428	62.5%	173	25.7%	84	12.3%
DP (Probate)	2,497	1,387	55.5%	396	15.9%	714	28.6%
DI (Insanity)	291	165	56.7%	107	36.8%	19	7.0%
GRAND TOTAL	23,472	14,821	63.1%	5,018	21.4%	3,633	15.6%

DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS  
*By Population Groupings*



# DISTRICT COURT CASE PROFILES

*By Population Groupings—(Average Time From Filing To Disposition)*

CASE TYPE	STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES OVER 20,000 POP.	DAYS OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES 1,000 TO 20,000 POP.	DAYS OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES UNDER 10,000 POP.	DAYS OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE
<b>DC</b> <b>(Criminal)</b>	121	132	+ 11	99	— 22	121	0
<b>DV</b> <b>(Civil)</b>	151	137	— 14	174	+ 23	186	+ 35
<b>DR</b> <b>(Dom. Rel.)</b>	106	94	— 12	132	+ 26	112	+ 6
<b>DJ</b> <b>(Juvenile)</b>	76	74	— 2	83	+ 7	66	— 10
<b>DA</b> <b>(Adopt.)</b>	38	35	— 3	39	+ 1	53	+ 15
<b>DP</b> <b>(Probate)</b>	414	375	— 39	442	+ 28	433	+ 29
<b>DI</b> <b>(Insanity)</b>	20	15	— 5	35	+ 15	7	— 13
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>—23</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>+ 18</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>+ 63</b>

# DISTRICT COURT “THRU-PUT” RATIOS

*By Population Groupings*

CASE TYPE	STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES OVER 20,000 POP.	% OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES 10,000 TO 20,000 POP.	% OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE	COUNTIES UNDER 10,000 POP.	% OVER/UNDER STATE AVERAGE
DC (Criminal)	85	88	+ 3	82	— 3	80	— 5
DV (Civil)	81	85	+ 4	79	— 2	72	— 9
DR (Dom. Rel.)	82	87	+ 5	72	— 10	78	— 4
DJ (Juvenile)	72	75	+ 3	75	+ 3	55	— 17
DA (Adopt.)	86	87	+ 1	96	+ 10	68	— 18
DP (Probate)	67	84	+ 17	38	— 29	69	+ 2
DI (Insanity)	77	68	— 9	96	+ 19	73	— 4
GRAND TOTAL	80	85	+ 5	72	— 8	73	— 7

## ATTORNEY POPULATION GROUPINGS

### 1. Attorney population between 1 and 10:

Lincoln	10	Musselshell	4
Park	10	Fallon	3
Big Horn	10	Mineral	2
Roosevelt	9	Daniels	2
Rosebud	6	Broadwater	4
Richland	8	Sweet Grass	5
Sanders	5	McCone	1
Carbon	4	Judith Basin	2
Beaverhead	9	Liberty	2
Powell	7	Wheatland	1
Pondera	7	Powder River	1
Jefferson	5	Meagher	1
Blaine	4	Carter	2
Chouteau	4	Garfield	1
Teton	4	Prairie	1
Madison	3	Wibaux	1
Toole	6	Treasure	1
Phillips	3	Golden Valley	1
Stillwater	5	Petroleum	0
Sheridan	3		

### 2. Attorney population between 11 and 30:

Glacier	14	Deer Lodge	11
Valley	11	Lake	15
Custer	17	Hill	20
Fergus	15	Ravalli	14

### 3. Attorney Population over 30:

Gallatin	57	Missoula	158
Lewis & Clark	212	Cascade	148
Silver Bow	95	Yellowstone	217
Flathead	66		

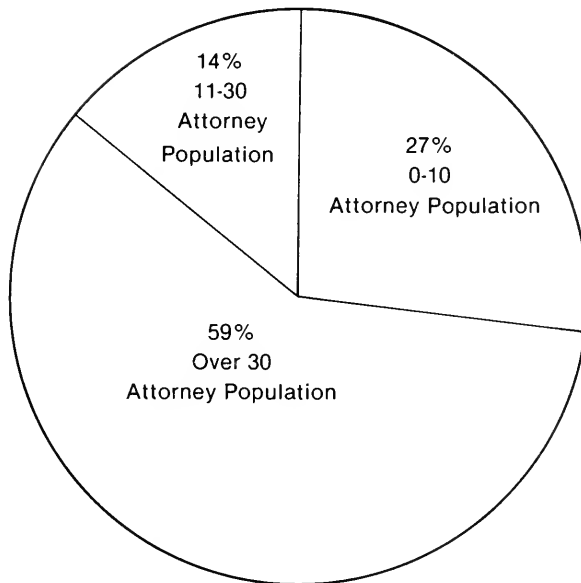
# DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS

*By Attorney Population Groupings*

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. OVER 30	% OF STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. BETWEEN 11 & 30	% OF STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. BETWEEN 0 & 10	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,842	1,657	58.3%	407	14.3%	778	27.4%
DV (Civil)	11,958	7,319	61.2%	1,563	13.0%	3,076	25.7%
DR (Dom. Rel.)	8,227	5,185	63.0%	1,142	13.9%	1,900	23.1%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,381	838	60.6%	209	15.1%	334	24.1%
DA (Adopt.)	789	487	61.7%	98	12.4%	204	25.8%
DP (Probate)	3,704	1,650	44.5%	618	16.6%	1,436	38.7%
DI (Insanity)	377	240	63.7%	91	24.1%	46	12.2%
GRAND TOTAL	29,278	17,376	59.3%	4,128	14.1%	7,774	26.6%



DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS  
*By Attorney Population Groupings*

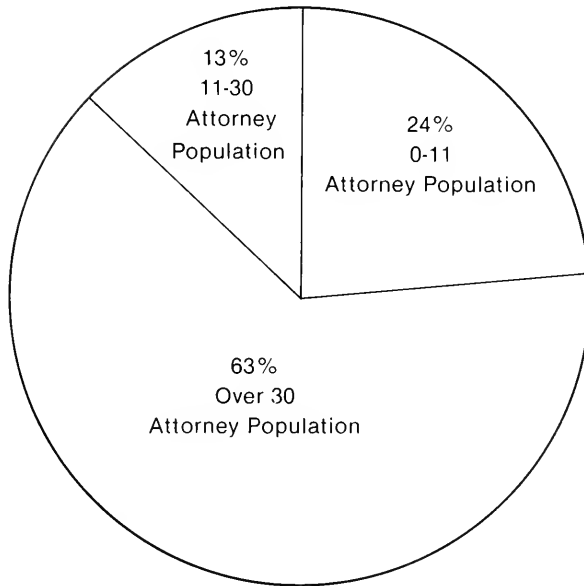


# DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS

*By Attorney Population Groupings*

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. OVER 30	% OF STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. BETWEEN 11 & 30	% OF STATE TOTAL	ATTORNEY POP. BETWEEN 0 & 10	% OF STATE TOTAL
<b>DC (Criminal)</b>	2,442	1,470	60.2%	337	13.8%	635	26.0%
<b>DV (Civil)</b>	9,766	6,225	63.7%	1,235	12.6%	2,306	23.6%
<b>DR (Dom. Rel.)</b>	6,786	4,514	66.5%	831	12.2%	1,441	21.2%
<b>DJ (Juvenile)</b>	1,005	632	62.9%	159	15.8%	214	21.3%
<b>DA (Adopt.)</b>	685	428	62.5%	95	13.9%	162	23.6%
<b>DP (Probate)</b>	2,497	1,387	55.5%	239	9.6%	871	34.9%
<b>DI (Insanity)</b>	291	165	56.7%	90	30.9%	36	12.4%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>23,472</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>63.1%</b>	<b>2,986</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>5,665</b>	<b>24.1%</b>

DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS  
*By Attorney Population Groupings*



## POPULATION DENSITY GROUPINGS

### 1. Population density between 1 and 5 people per square mile:

Beaverhead	1.477	McCone	1.074
Big Horn	2.130	Madison	1.616
Blaine	1.637	Meagher	0.935
Broadwater	2.598	Mineral	2.782
Carbon	3.969	Musselshell	2.491
Carter	0.543	Park	4.760
Chouteau	1.655	Petroleum	0.423
Custer	3.488	Phillips	1.036
Daniels	2.148	Pondera	4.498
Dawson	4.810	Powder River	0.730
Fallon	2.449	Powell	3.168
Fergus	3.135	Prairie	1.040
Garfield	0.404	Richland	4.906
Glacier	3.677	Roosevelt	4.444
Golden Valley	0.765	Rosebud	2.085
Granite	1.558	Sanders	3.024
Jefferson	4.298	Sweet Grass	1.685
Judith Basin	1.489	Stillwater	2.954
Liberty	1.807	Sheridan	3.070
Lincoln	4.496	Teton	2.833
Valley	2.533	Toole	2.821
Wheatland	1.690	Treasure	1.320
Wibaux	1.685		

### 2. Population density over 5 and under 15 people per square mile:

Flathead	9.033	Lewis & Clark	11.306
Hill	6.252	Ravalli	8.102
Lake	11.780		

### 3. Population density over 15 people per square mile:

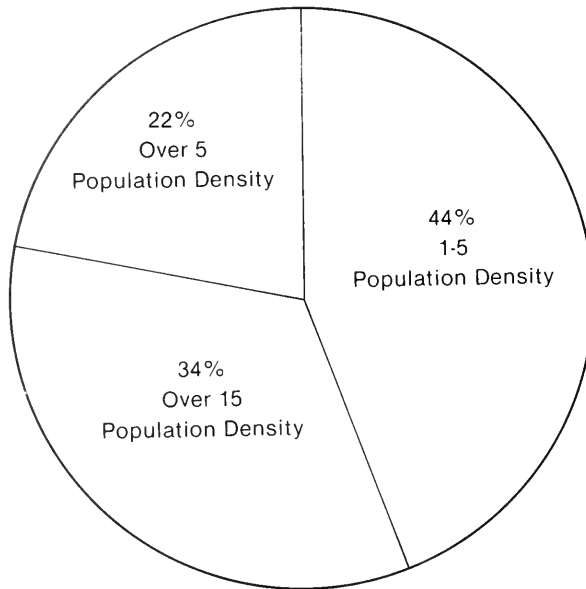
Deer Lodge	19.324	Silver Bow	56.224
Gallatin	15.296	Yellowstone	38.115
Missoula	25.574	Cascade	31.717

# DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS

## *By Population Density Groupings*

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	DENSITY OVER 15 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL	DENSITY OVER 5 & UNDER 15 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL	DENSITY BETWEEN 1 & 5 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,842	956	33.6%	628	22.1%	1,258	44.3%
DV (Civil)	11,958	4,119	34.4%	2,681	22.4%	5,158	43.1%
DR (Dom. Rel.)	8,227	2,991	36.4%	1,716	20.9%	3,520	42.8%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,381	452	32.7%	578	41.9%	351	25.4%
DA (Adopt.)	789	252	31.9%	209	26.5%	328	41.6%
DP (Probate)	3,704	972	26.2%	667	18.0%	2,065	55.8%
DI (Insanity)	377	221	58.6%	35	9.0%	121	32.1%
GRAND TOTAL	29,278	9,963	34.0%	6,514	22.2%	12,801	43.7%

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS  
*By Population Density Groupings*

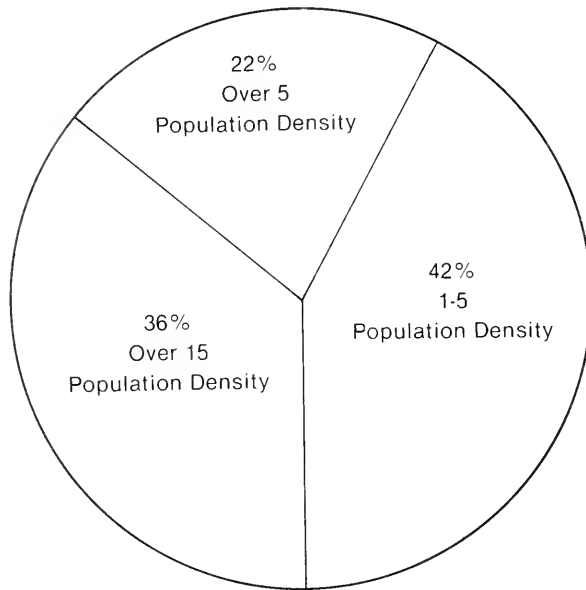


# DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS

*By Population Density Groupings*

CASE TYPE	STATE TOTAL	DENSITY OVER 15 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL	DENSITY OVER 5 & UNDER 15 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL	DENSITY Between 1 & 5 PEOPLE	% OF STATE TOTAL
DC (Criminal)	2,442	883	36.2%	522	21.4%	1,037	42.5%
DV (Civil)	9,766	3,505	35.9%	2,145	22.0%	4,116	42.1%
DR (Dom. Rel.)	6,786	2,555	37.7%	1,399	20.6%	2,832	41.7%
DJ (Juvenile)	1,005	335	33.3%	445	44.3%	225	22.4%
DA (Adopt.)	685	230	33.6%	163	23.8%	292	42.6%
DP (Probate)	2,497	815	32.6%	399	16.0%	1,283	51.4%
DI (Insanity)	291	150	51.5%	29	10.0%	112	38.5%
GRAND TOTAL	23,472	8,473	36.1%	5,102	21.7%	9,897	42.2%

DISTRICT COURT CASE DISPOSITIONS  
*By Population Density Groupings*





## JUDGE ASSIGNMENT GROUPINGS

### 1. Counties served by one Judge Districts: (12 Judges represented)

Powell	Fergus
Deer Lodge	Judith Basin
Granite	Liberty
Jefferson	Hill
Madison	Blaine
Beaverhead	Wheatland
Park	Golden Valley
Sweet Grass	Meagher
McCone	Musselshell
Richland	Sheridan
Dawson	Daniels
Wibaux	Roosevelt
Toole	Valley
Glacier	Phillips
Teton	Gallatin
Pondera	Lincoln
Petroleum	

### 2. Counties served by two Judge Districts: (8 Judges represented)

Lewis & Clark	Custer
Broadwater	Carter
Silver Bow	Prairie
Flathead	Powder River
Garfield	Rosebud
Fallon	

### 3. Counties served by three Judge Districts: (9 Judges represented)

Sanders	Cascade
Lake	Carbon
Missoula	Treasure
Mineral	Big Horn
Ravalli	Stillwater
Chouteau	Yellowstone

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SUMMARY BY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 264200  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 82000  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.222

JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 33  
 JUDGES REPRESENTED 12  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 241

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	801	50	920	749	101	81
(2) CIVIL CASES	5424	242	5666	4497	162	79
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	3424	132	3560	2719	193	76
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1996	110	2106	1778	124	84
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	2210	81	2300	1520	338	66
JUVENILE (DJ)	410	25	435	307	76	70
ADOPTION (DA)	257	1	238	200	45	84
PROBATE (DP)	1445	54	1499	897	435	59
INSANILY (DI)	127	1	128	116	46	90
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	6504	382	6886	5766	193	76

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

-- CRIMINAL --	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 16	FOR DEFEND 79	ACQUITTED 2
GUILTY PLEA 499	FOR PLAINT 638	GUILTY PLEA 23
GUILTY VERD 57	DISMISSED 826	GUILTY VERD 1
DISMISSED 144	DEFAULT 1431	DISMISSED 32
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 79	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 7	OTHER 1335	CH OF VENUE 6
OTHER 137	NOT KNOWN 82	OTHER 1246
NOT KNOWN 15		NOT KNOWN 65

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 164400  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 33733  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.874

JUDGES ASSIGNED 2  
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 11  
 JUDGES REPRESENTED 8  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 408

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	556	78	634	541	126	85
(2) CIVIL CASES	4600	223	4823	3941	120	81
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	2813	60	2873	2328	143	81
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1767	163	1950	1613	92	82
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	1380	58	1438	1022	175	71
JUVENILE (DJ)	337	25	362	245	52	67
ADOPTION (DA)	177	0	177	146	33	79
PROBATE (DP)	403	31	434	591	293	70
INSANITY (DI)	65	2	65	46	2	70
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	6536	359	6895	5504	129	79

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 14		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 389	FOR DEFEND 59	GUILTY PLEA 6
GUILTY VERD 31	FOR PLAINT 1200	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 159	DISMISSED 735	DISMISSED 25
DEFAULT 2	DEFAULT 1292	DEFAULT 1
CH OF VENUE 1	CH OF VENUE 96	CH OF VENUE 5
OTHER 42	OTHER 544	OTHER 718
NOT KNOWN 29	NOT KNOWN 41	NOT KNOWN 39

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SUMMARY BY JUDGE ASSIGNMENT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 332600  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 29586  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 11.242

JUDGES ASSIGNED 3  
 COUNTIES IN CATEGORY 12  
 JUDGES REPRESENTED 9  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 583

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	1153	155	1288	1152	131	89
(2) CIVIL CASES	9323	373	9696	8114	123	83
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	5413	112	5525	4719	137	85
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	3910	261	4171	3395	103	81
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	2372	141	2513	1936	245	77
JUVENILE (DJ)	529	55	584	453	89	77
ADOPTION (DA)	372	2	374	345	38	92
PROBATE (DP)	1289	82	1371	1009	450	73
INSANITY (DI)	182	2	184	129	15	70
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	12828	669	13497	11202	143	82

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

-- CRIMINAL --		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	21			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	736	FOR DEFEND	137	GUILTY PLEA	102
GUILTY VERD	59	FOR PLAINT	1938	GUILTY VERD	1
DISMISSED	245	DISMISSED	1322	DISMISSED	130
DEFAULT	2	DEFAULT	2867	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	185	CH OF VENUE	2
OTHER	106	OTHER	1772	OTHER	1479
NOT KNOWN	7	NOT KNOWN	37	NOT KNOWN	16

JUDICIAL DISTRICT SUMMARY  
OF  
DISTRICT COURT DATA



## JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY COMPOSITION

### FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Broadwater  
Lewis & Clark

### EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cascade  
Chouteau

### SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Silver Bow

### NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Glacier  
Pondera  
Teton  
Toole

### THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Deer Lodge  
Granite  
Powell

### TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Fergus  
Judith Basin  
Petroleum

### FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Lake  
Mineral  
Missoula  
Ravalli  
Sanders

### ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Flathead

### FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Beaverhead  
Jefferson  
Madison

### TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Blaine  
Hill  
Liberty

### SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Park  
Sweet Grass

### THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Big Horn  
Carbon  
Stillwater  
Treasure  
Yellowstone

### SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Dawson  
McCone  
Richland  
Wibaux

### FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Golden Valley  
Meagher  
Musselshell  
Wheatland

## FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Daniels  
Sheridan  
Roosevelt

## SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Carter  
Custer  
Fallon  
Garfield  
Powder River  
Prairie  
Rosebud

## SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Philips  
Valley

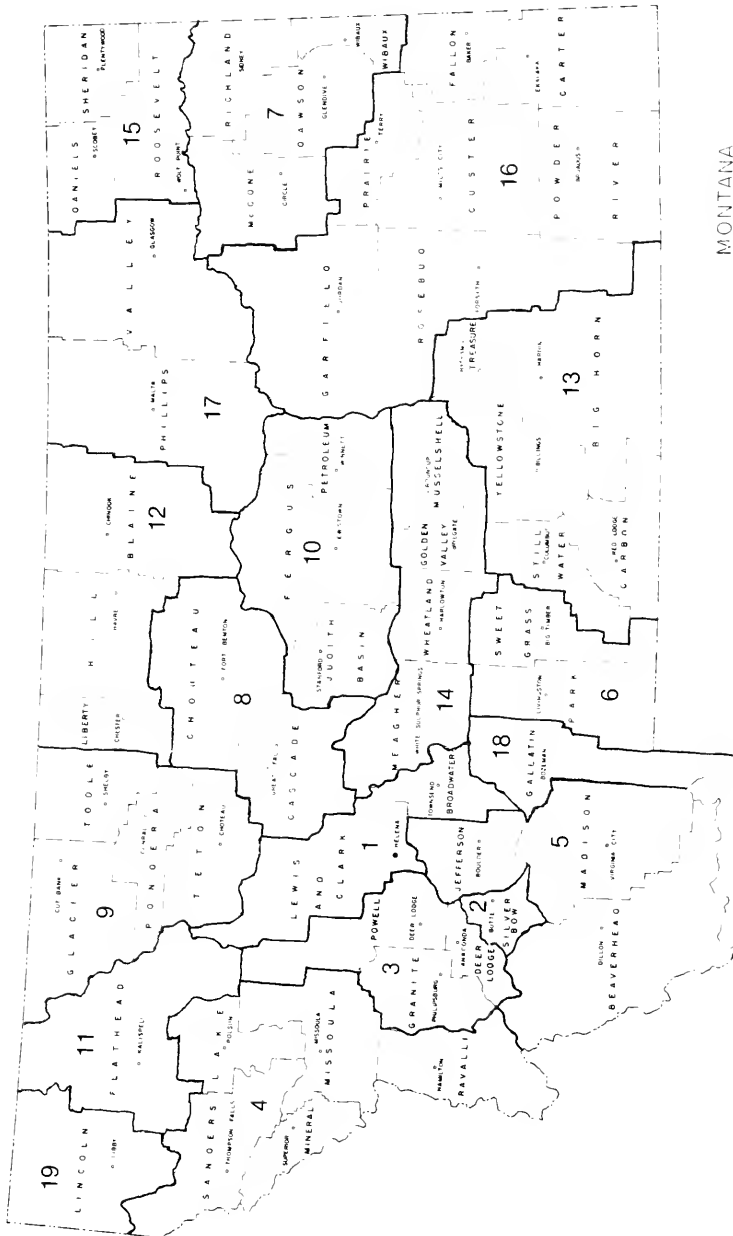
## EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Gallatin

## NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Lincoln

# JUDICIAL DISTRICTS



MONTANA  
COUNTIES & COUNTY SEATS



## JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMPARISONS

Judicial Districts	Filings Per Judge	Rank	Disp. Per Judge	Rank	Pop. Per Judge	Rank	Pop. Density	Rank	Square Miles Per Judge	Rank	Attorneys Per Judge	Rank	Average Rank	Rank
1 st District	1,140	4	926	5	21,200	8	9.1	6	2,335	17	108	1	6.8	5
2nd District	676	12	571	12	20,100	10	56.2	1	358	19	48	6	10.0	12
3 rd District	843	11	631	10	24,400	6	5.1	8	4,809	10	19	10	9.2	10
4 th District	1,559	2	1,258	2	38,500	2	11.0	4	3,496	14	65	3	4.5	2
5 th District	1,031	7	699	9	21,000	9	2.0	15	10,731	2	17	11	8.8	9
6 th District	615	13	445	14	15,600	16	3.5	10	4,466	11	15	13	12.8	14
7 th District	893	10	609	11	25,900	5	3.3	12	7,946	6	14	14	9.7	11
8 th District	1,284	3	1,107	3	30,300	3	13.8	3	2,196	18	51	5	5.8	3
9 th District	906	9	706	8	30,300	3	3.4	11	8,853	4	31	8	7.2	6
10 th District	539	17	388	17	16,800	14	2.2	14	7,777	7	17	11	13.3	16
11 th District	1,063	5	833	6	23,200	7	9.0	7	2,569	15	33	7	7.8	8
12 th District	1,054	6	792	7	27,900	4	3.2	13	8,641	5	26	9	7.3	7
13 th District	1,656	1	1,369	1	42,067	1	10.1	5	4,170	12	79	2	3.7	1
14 th District	353	19	259	19	10,200	17	1.5	17	6,837	8	7	16	16.0	18
15 th District	476	18	334	18	18,900	11	3.4	11	5,522	9	14	14	13.5	17
16 th District	570	15	423	15	17,700	13	1.5	17	11,606	1	16	12	12.2	13
17 th District	550	16	392	16	18,000	12	1.8	16	10,187	3	14	14	12.8	14
18 th District	1,015	8	1,056	4	38,500	2	15.3	2	2,517	16	57	4	6.0	4
19 th District	611	14	455	13	16,700	15	4.5	9	3,714	13	10	15	13.2	15
State Average	1,010		809		26,248		5.2		5,011		42			

# DISTRICT COURT CASE PROFILES

*By Judicial District*  
(Average Time From Filing To Disposition)

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS	DC	DV	DR	DJ	DA	DP	DI	JUD DIST. AVE.
1 st	127	148	91	35	28	329	—0—	133
2nd	121	240	84	—0—	36	246	—0—	160
3 rd	95	111	78	22	44	281	583	106
4 th	118	136	102	108	33	533	6	144
5 th	116	176	94	68	104	313	—0—	151
6 th	137	164	119	67	17	656	—0—	258
7 th	65	164	104	43	23	377	2	176
8 th	184	104	75	72	30	416	16	114
9 th	158	263	191	52	44	582	13	290
10 th	76	147	88	172	38	334	7	152
11 th	138	113	96	118	32	254	5	110
12 th	132	190	144	60	66	399	41	202
13 th	109	164	125	93	59	409	16	165
14 th	40	161	109	18	41	285	—0—	135
15 th	25	262	217	4	11	442	4	267
16 th	104	116	97	77	41	293	1	125
17 th	117	94	134	—0—	14	340	—0—	140
18 th	46	218	84	27	40	283	—0—	138
19 th	165	193	95	47	99	531	5	156
STATE AVERAGE	121	151	106	76	38	414	20	153

# DISTRICT COURT CASE “THRU-PUT”

*By Judicial District*

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS	DC	DV	DR	DJ	DA	DP	DI	JUD DIST. AVE.
1 st	75	76	94	72	81	82	85	81
2nd	88	85	87	74	88	83	67	84
3 rd	81	76	76	66	94	51	100	74
4 th	100	76	82	82	94	67	90	80
5 th	65	62	81	76	92	71	85	67
6 th	80	78	74	77	100	37	85	72
7 th	75	71	71	93	103	40	100	68
8 th	83	90	81	88	92	81	103	86
9 th	74	86	76	37	56	77	50	77
10 th	82	77	76	75	88	49	100	71
11 th	89	82	77	53	66	64	42	78
12 th	87	79	75	70	90	61	90	75
13 th	82	89	80	62	89	73	47	82
14 th	92	66	89	54	100	62	100	73
15 th	84	73	74	54	36	66	100	70
16 th	93	85	66	66	87	50	85	74
17 th	84	76	79	70	100	39	100	71
18 th	87	92	140	76	96	103	80	104
19 th	80	77	78	74	93	37	50	74
STATE AVE.	85	81	82	72	86	67	77	80

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 42400  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4669  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 9.081

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 1  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 216

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Avg TIME DAYS (5)	THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	184	27	211	159	127	75
(2) CIVIL CASES	1596	52	1648	1362	121	82
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	1050	19	1069	815	148	76
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	546	33	579	547	91	94
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	402	14	420	331	171	78
JUVENILE (DJ)	130	6	136	98	35	72
ADOPTION (DA)	53	0	53	43	28	81
PROBATE (DP)	200	11	217	178	329	82
INSANITY (FI)	13	1	14	12	0	85
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2182	97	2279	1852	133	81

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV., PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 1	FOR DEFEND 2	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 59	FOR PLAINT 23	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 2	DISMISSED 21	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 23	DEFAULT 36	DISMISSED 2
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 4	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 13	CH OF VENUE 1
OTHER 15	NOT KNOWN 1	OTHER 97
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 40200  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 715  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 56.224

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 2  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 95

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	73	11	84	74	121	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	854	32	886	761	157	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	506	9	515	438	240	85
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	348	23	371	323	84	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	359	22	381	307	202	80
JUVENILE (DJ)	82	9	91	68	0	74
ADOPTION (DA)	35	0	35	31	36	88
PROBATE (DP)	206	12	218	183	246	83
INSANITY (DI)	36	1	37	25	0	67
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	1286	65	1351	1142	160	84

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	6			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	61	FOP DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	7	FOP PLAINT	4	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	22	DISMISSED	16	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	2	DEFAULT	62	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	2	OTHER	12	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	3	NOT KNOWN
				78
				22

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 24400  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4809  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 5.074

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 3  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 19

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4) DAYS (5)		
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	61	5	66	54	95	81
(2) CIVIL CASES	510	25	535	409	90	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	333	9	342	281	111	76
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	177	16	193	148	78	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	234	8	242	168	185	69
JUVENILE (DJ)	46	4	50	33	22	66
ADOPTION (DA)	18	0	18	17	44	94
PROBATE (DP)	111	4	115	59	281	51
INSANITY (DI)	59	0	59	59	583	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	805	38	843	631	106	74

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	59	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	19	FOR PLAINT	14	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	6	DISMISSED	4	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	5	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	5	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	11	OTHER	71	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	3	NOT KNOWN
				100

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 115500  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 10488  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 11.013

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 194

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRU(OUT)
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(6)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	414	57	471	474	118	1	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	3187	179	3366	2671	122	1	79
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	1794	49	1843	1419	136	1	76
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	1393	130	1523	1252	102	1	82
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	781	59	840	629	305	1	74
JUVENILE (DJ)	156	19	175	145	108	1	82
ADOPTION (OA)	107	0	107	101	53	1	94
PROBATE (OP)	498	38	536	363	553	1	67
INSANITY (DI)	20	2	22	20	6	1	90
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	4382	295	4677	3774	144	1	80

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---  
 ACQUITTED 3  
 GUILTY PLEA 75  
 GUILTY VERD 7  
 DISMISSED 11  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 0  
 OTHER 4  
 NOT KNOWN 0

-CIVIL & DOM REL-  
 FOR DEFEND 1  
 FOR PLAINT 11  
 DISMISSED 17  
 DEFAULT 42  
 CH OF VENUE 2  
 OTHER 28  
 NOT KNOWN 1

-JUV, PROB & MISC  
 ACQUITTED 0  
 GUILTY PLEA 5  
 GUILTY VERD 0  
 DISMISSED 4  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 0  
 OTHER 89  
 NOT KNOWN 2

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 21000  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 10731  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.957

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 5  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 17

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Ave TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	78	10	88	58	116	65
(2) CIVIL CASES	732	64	796	531	144	66
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	571	60	631	397	176	62
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	161	4	165	134	94	81
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	137	10	147	110	232	74
JUVENILE (DJ)	24	1	25	19	68	76
ADOPTION (DA)	14	0	14	13	104	92
PROBATE (DP)	92	9	101	72	313	71
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	6	0	85
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	947	84	1031	699	151	67

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	3			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	51	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	6	FOR PLAINT	10	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	3	DISMISSED	8	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	41	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	31	OTHER	35	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	6	NOT KNOWN	3	NOT KNOWN



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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 15600  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4466  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3,493

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 6  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 15

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	Ave TIME	THRUPUT
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	67	4	71	57	137	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	378	22	400	307	146	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	194	5	199	157	164	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	184	17	201	150	119	74
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	146	4	144	81	558	56
JUVENILE (JUV)	34	1	35	27	67	77
ADOPTION (DA)	15	0	15	15	17	100
PROBATE (PR)	84	3	87	33	656	37
INSANITY (OI)	7	0	7	6	0	85
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	585	30	615	445	258	72

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0	FOR DEFEND 2	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 52	FOR PLAINT 20	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 15	DISMISSED 22	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 15	DEFAULT 28	DISMISSED 1
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 1	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 26	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 19	NOT KNOWN 1	OTHER 99
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 25900  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 7946  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.260

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	7
COUNTIES IN THE DIST	4
JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
ATTORNEY POPULATION	14

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	94	9	103	78	85	75
(2) CIVIL CASES	519	15	534	382	143	71
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	347	4	351	252	164	71
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	172	11	183	130	104	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	250	6	256	149	288	58
JUVENILE (DJ)	45	0	45	42	43	93
ADOPTION (DA)	28	0	28	29	23	103
PROBATE (DP)	170	6	176	71	377	40
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	7	2	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	803	30	893	609	176	68

## M E T H O D S     O F     D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL  
ACQUITTED  
GUILTY PLEA  
GUILTY VERD  
DISMISSED  
DEFAULT  
CH OF VENUE  
OTHER  
NOT KNOWN

-CIVIL & DOM REL-

FOR DEFEND	1
FOR PLAINT	20
DISMISSED	20
DEFAULT	33
CH OF VENUE	1
OTHER	24
NOT KNOWN	1

-JOV, PRON &amp; MISC

ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	4
GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	1
DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	95
NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA; ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 90900  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 6588  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 13.798

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 8  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 152

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	257	76	333	277	184	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	2662	62	2724	2351	92	86
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	1566	15	1581	1425	104	90
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1096	47	1143	926	75	81
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	735	59	794	692	161	87
JUVENILE (DJ)	172	29	201	178	72	88
ADOPTION (DA)	142	0	142	132	30	92
PROBATE (DP)	364	30	394	323	416	81
INSANITY (DI)	57	0	57	59	16	103
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	3654	197	3851	3320	114	86

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	2	FUR DEFEND	4	ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	39	FUR PLAINT	35	GUILTY PLEA	12
GUILTY VERD	6	DISMISSED	12	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	36	DEFAULT	23	DISMISSED	10
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	1	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	23	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	23	NOT KNOWN	0	OTHER	78
NOT KNOWN	1			NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 30300  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 8853  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.423

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 9  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 31

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-IP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	66	1	67	50	158	74
(2) CIVIL CASES	561	23	584	480	235	82
GENERAL, CIVIL (CV)	341	10	351	302	263	86
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	220	13	233	178	191	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	244	11	255	176	491	69
JUVENILE (JUV)	26	1	27	10	52	37
ADDITION (DA)	39	0	39	22	44	56
PROBATE (PR)	171	10	181	140	582	77
INSANITY (DI)	8	0	8	4	13	50
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	871	35	906	706	290	77

## RESULTS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

### -- CRIMINAL --

ACQUITTED 0  
 GUILTY PLEA 38  
 GUILTY VERD 0  
 DISMISSED 38  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 8  
 OTHER 17  
 NOT KNOWN 0

### -- CIVIL & DOM REL --

FOR DEFEND 2  
 FOR PLAINT 21  
 DISMISSED 31  
 DEFAULT 19  
 CH OF VENUE 3  
 OTHER 24  
 NOT KNOWN 0

### -- JUV, PROB & MISC

ACQUITTED 0  
 GUILTY PLEA 0  
 GUILTY VERD 0  
 DISMISSED 4  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 1  
 OTHER 96  
 NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 16800  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 7777  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.160

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 10  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 17

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	43	4	47	39	76	82
(2) CIVIL CASES	302	9	311	240	121	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	169	3	172	133	147	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	133	6	139	107	68	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	177	4	181	109	249	60
JUVENILE (DJ)	30	3	33	25	172	75
ADOPTION (DA)	18	0	18	16	38	88
PROBATE (DP)	121	1	122	60	334	49
INSANITY (DI)	8	0	8	8	7	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	522	17	539	388	152	71

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 3		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 54	FOR DEFEND 3	GUILTY PLEA 3
GUILTY VERD 14	FOR PLAINT 14	GUILTY VERD 1
DISMISSED 11	DISMISSED 29	DISMISSED 4
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 21	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 14	OTHER 27	OTHER 93
NOT KNOWN 3	NOT KNOWN 5	NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	11
POPULATION (7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	1
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	2
DENSITY PER SQ MILES	ATTORNEY POPULATION	66

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	ORIG	FILINGS	TOTAL	DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT
	(1)	RE-OP (2)		CASES (4)	AVE TIME (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	183	34	217	194	138	89
(2) CIVIL CASES	1491	77	1568	1260	105	80
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	873	12	885	723	113	82
DOMESTIC REL. (OS)	618	65	683	532	96	77
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	328	13	341	211	117	61
JUVENILE (IJ)	76	8	84	45	116	53
ADOPITION (OA)	56	0	56	37	32	66
PROBATE (OP)	182	5	187	126	254	64
INSANITY (II)	7	0	7	3	5	42
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2002	124	2126	1665	110	78

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC		
ACQUITTED	1		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	54	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	3	FOR PLAINT	56	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED	18	DISMISSED	14
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	11	DEFAULT	1
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	1
OTHER	3	OTHER	13	OTHER	60
NOT KNOWN	13	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	4

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 27900  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 8641  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.229

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 12  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 26

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	67	6	73	64	132	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	640	25	665	519	167	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	461	11	472	374	190	79
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	179	14	193	145	144	75
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	303	13	316	209	292	66
JUVENILE (DJ)	56	5	61	43	60	70
ADOPTION (DA)	20	0	20	18	66	90
PROBATE (DP)	217	8	225	139	399	61
INSANITY (DI)	10	0	10	9	41	90
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	1010	44	1054	792	202	75

M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 2	FOR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 54	FOR PLAINT 18	GUILTY PLEA 1
GUILTY VERD 2	DISMISSED 31	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 27	DEFAULT 32	DISMISSED 6
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 2	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 14	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 14	NOT KNOWN 2	OTHER 73
NOT KNOWN 1		NOT KNOWN 19

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 126200  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 12510  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 10.088

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 237

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	462	22	484	401	109	82
(2) CIVIL CASES	3474	132	3606	3092	148	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	2053	48	2101	1875	164	89
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1421	84	1505	1217	125	80
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	856	23	879	615	271	69
JUVENILE (DJ)	201	7	208	130	93	62
ADOPTION (DA)	123	2	125	112	59	89
PROBATE (DP)	427	14	441	323	409	73
INSANITY (DI)	105	0	105	50	16	47
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	4792	177	4969	4108	165	82

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	1			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	67	FUR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	3	FUR PLAINT	26	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	24	DISMISSED	19	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	37	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	5	OTHER	15	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				90
				1



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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10200  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 6837  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.492

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 7

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	53	1	54	50	40	92
(2) CIVIL CASES	181	5	186	140	131	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	115	3	118	79	161	66
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	66	2	68	61	109	89
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	111	2	113	69	202	61
JUVENILE (DJ)	41	1	42	23	18	54
ADOPTION (DA)	4	0	4	4	41	100
PRIBATE (DP)	65	1	66	41	285	62
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	345	8	353	259	135	73

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 5	FUR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 71	FUR PLAINT 22	GUILTY PLEA 4
GUILTY VERD 3	DISMISSED 17	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 8	DEFAULT 16	DISMISSED 3
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 2	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 42	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 13	NOT KNOWN 1	OTHER 64
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 28

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	15
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	3
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES	ATTORNEY POPULATION	14

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	30	2	32	27	25	84
(2) CIVIL CASES	261	13	274	202	242	73
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	167	7	174	128	262	73
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	94	6	100	74	217	74
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	167	3	170	105	394	61
JUVENILE (DJ)	11	0	11	6	4	54
ADOPTION (DA)	22	0	22	8	11	36
PROBATE (DP)	133	3	136	90	442	66
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	4	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	458	18	476	334	267	70

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	71	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	17	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	21	DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	21	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	8	OTHER	35	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN
				95
				2

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 35400  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 23212  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.525

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 31

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	116	6	122	114	104	93
(2) CIVIL CASES	659	62	721	558	108	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	384	20	404	347	116	85
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	275	42	317	211	97	66
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	291	5	296	173	203	58
JUVENILE (DJ)	49	2	51	34	77	66
ADOPTION (DA)	33	0	33	29	41	87
PROBATE (DP)	202	3	205	104	293	50
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	6	1	85
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	1066	73	1139	845	125	74

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 3	FUP DEFEND 3	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 63	FUP PLAINT 25	GUILTY PLEA 4
GUILTY VERD 10	DISMISSED 18	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 24	DEFAULT 31	DISMISSED 3
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 3	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 19	CH OF VENUE 1
OTHER 0	NOT KNOWN 1	OTHER 92
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 18000  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 10187  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.767

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 17  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 14

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS (THRUPUT)		
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	43	2	45	38	117	84
(2) CIVIL CASES	344	15	359	278	115	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	204	7	211	161	94	76
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	140	8	148	117	134	79
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	141	5	146	76	322	52
JUVENILE (DJ)	19	1	20	14	0	70
ADOPTION (DA)	16	0	16	16	14	100
PROBATE (DP)	102	4	106	42	340	39
INSANITY (DI)	4	0	4	4	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	528	22	550	392	140	71

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	5			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	65	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	8	FOR PLAINT	2	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	15	DISMISSED	7	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	34	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	49	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	5	NOT KNOWN	6	NOT KNOWN
				100
				0

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SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 38500  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2517  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 15.296

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 18  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 57

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	169	11	180	158	46	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	607	16	623	697	146	111
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	364	7	371	344	218	92
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	243	9	252	353	84	140
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	202	10	212	201	240	94
JUVENILE (DJ)	45	6	51	39	27	76
ADOPTION (DA)	28	0	28	27	40	96
PROBATE (DP)	119	4	123	127	283	103
INSANITY (DI)	10	0	10	8	0	80
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	978	37	1015	1056	138	104

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	3			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	55	FOR DEFEND	4	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	3	FOR PLAINT	9	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	21	DISMISSED	17	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	56	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	18	OTHER	12	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				98

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

SUMMARY BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 16700  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3714  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.496

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 19  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 10

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (PC)	90	4	94	76	165	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	389	10	399	312	142	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	162	6	168	131	193	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	227	4	231	181	95	78
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	113	5	118	67	277	56
JUVENILE (DJ)	33	2	35	26	47	74
ADOPTION (DA)	15	1	16	15	99	93
PROBATE (DP)	60	1	61	23	531	37
INSANITY (DI)	5	1	6	3	5	50
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	592	19	611	455	156	74

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

### -- CRIMINAL --

ACQUITTED 0  
 GUILTY PLEA 59  
 GUILTY VERD 19  
 DISMISSED 23  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 0  
 OTHER 8  
 NOT KNOWN 0

### -CIVIL & DOM REL-

FOR DEFEND 2  
 FOR PLAINT 13  
 DISMISSED 14  
 DEFAULT 45  
 CH OF VENUE 3  
 OTHER 22  
 NOT KNOWN 1

### -JUV, PROB & MISC

ACQUITTED 7  
 GUILTY PLEA 0  
 GUILTY VERD 0  
 DISMISSED 7  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 7  
 OTHER 79  
 NOT KNOWN 0

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# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF BEAVERHEAD  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 8200  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 5551  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.477  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 9

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 5  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	12	0	12	11	211	91
(2) CIVIL CASES	183	2	185	150	144	81
GENERAL, CIVIL (CV)	105	0	105	81	195	70
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	77	2	79	69	119	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	67	4	71	46	270	64
JUVENILE (JJD)	12	0	12	7	63	58
ADOPTION (DA)	7	0	7	0	101	85
PROBATE (PR)	43	4	47	29	305	61
INSANITY (DI)	5	0	5	4	0	80
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	262	6	268	207	168	77

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	60	FOR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH. OF VENUE	0	CH. OF VENUE	CH. OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	40	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN



# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA; ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF BIG HORN	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	13
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	5
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	3
DENSITY PER SQ MILES		
ATTORNEY POPULATION		

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS-(5)	(4)/(3)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	20	2	22	23	71	104
(2) CIVIL CASES	238	16	254	199	95	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	123	4	127	105	75	83
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	115	12	127	93	117	73
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	57	7	64	42	221	65
JUVENILE (DJ)	12	0	12	7	168	58
ADOPTION (DA)	4	0	4	6	63	150
PROBATE (DP)	40	7	47	28	279	59
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	315	25	340	264	113	77

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED		0
GUILTY PLEA	FOR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	FOR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF BLAINE  
POPULATION (7/1/1977) 7000  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4275  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.637  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	12
COUNTIES IN THE DIST	3
JUDGES ASSIGNED	1

## C A S E L U A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THROPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(6)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	13	2	15	15	46	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	116	1	117	100	179	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	60	0	60	60	181	86
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	47	1	48	40	177	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	121	7	128	104	391	81
JUVENILE (DJ)	12	4	16	8	116	50
ADOPTION (OA)	8	0	8	8	39	100
PROBATE (DP)	97	3	100	84	466	84
INSANITY (DI)	4	0	4	4	5	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	250	10	260	219	265	84

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL

-CIVIL & DOM REL-

- JUV, PRIN &amp; MISC

ACQUITTED

1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 2679, 2680, 26

ACQUITTED 7

GUILTY PLEA 77

FOR DEFEND 1

GUILTY PLEA 3

GUILTY VERD 0

FUR PLAIN T 15

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DISMISSED

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OTHER 8

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# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF BROADWATER  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 3100  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1193  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.598  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 1  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG	RE-IP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	25	4	29	19	207	65
(2) CIVIL CASES	116	7	123	81	104	65
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	78	5	83	54	133	65
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	38	2	40	27	86	67
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	35	0	35	14	0	40
JUVENILE (DJ)	3	0	3	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	6	0	6	4	0	66
PRIMATE (DP)	25	0	25	9	0	36
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	176	11	187	114	128	60

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	26	FOR DEFEND	8	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FUP PLAIN	0	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	74	DISMISSED	15	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	39	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	8	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	OTHER	23	OTHER	0
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	8	NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CARBON  
POPULATION (7/1/1977) 4200  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2006  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.969  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	CRIM (1)	PE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Avg TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	19	1	20	21	188	105
(2) CIVIL CASES	150	6	156	122	220	78
DEFAULT, CIVIL (DC)	92	2	94	70	313	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	58	4	62	52	109	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	61	7	68	38	343	55
JUVENILE (JJ)	13	2	15	8	115	53
ADOPTION (DA)	7	0	7	5	136	71
PRIGATE (PP)	41	5	46	25	391	54
INSANITY (ID)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	230	14	244	181	260	74

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0	FOR DEFEND	3	ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	26	FOR PLAINT	6	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	5	DISMISSED	34	GUILTY VERD	2
DISMISSED	47	DEFAULT	34	DISMISSED	11
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	4	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	8	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	16	NOT KNOWN	11	OTHER	78
NOT KNOWN	5			NOT KNOWN	9

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CASCADE  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 84400  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2661  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 31.717  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 148

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 8  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	245	75	320	267	189	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	2522	56	2578	2247	93	87
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	1480	13	1493	1360	105	91
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	1042	43	1085	887	75	81
(3) JOV., PROB. & MISC.	663	58	741	662	126	89
JUVENILE (DJ)	170	29	199	177	72	88
ADOPTION (DA)	139	0	139	129	30	92
PROBATE (DP)	317	29	346	297	389	85
INSANITY (DI)	57	0	57	54	16	103
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	3450	189	3639	3176	109	87

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JOV., PROB & MISC --
ACQUITTED 1		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 39	FOR DEFEND 4	GUILTY PLEA 13
GUILTY VERD 6	FOR PLAINT 36	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 31	DISMISSED 12	DISMISSED 10
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 24	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 4	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 22	OTHER 21	OTHER 76
NOT KNOWN 1	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CARTER  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 1800  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3313  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.543  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Ave TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	1	0	1	1	0	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	16	0	16	9	429	56
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	9	0	9	5	772	55
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	7	0	7	4	200	57
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	28	0	28	18	278	64
JUVENILE (DJ)	4	0	4	3	6	75
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (PR)	22	0	22	13	356	59
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	45	0	45	28	332	62

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0	FOR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 0	FOR PLAINT 40	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	DISMISSED 40	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0	DEFAULT 0	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 20	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 0	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 0	NOT KNOWN 0	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CHouteau  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 6500  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 5927  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.055  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	FILED (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Avg TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	12	1	13	10	80	76
(2) CIVIL CASES	146	6	146	104	79	71
GENERAL, CIVIL (CV)	85	2	88	65	34	73
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	54	4	54	39	72	67
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	52	1	53	50	457	56
JUVENILE (JUV)	2	0	2	1	0	50
ADOPTION (AD)	3	0	3	3	29	100
PRIGATE (PR)	47	1	48	46	469	54
INSANITY (ID)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	204	8	212	144	192	67

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC --
ACQUITTED 14	FUR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 29	FUR PLAINT 15	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 14	DISMISSED 2	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 14	DEFAULT 9	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 1	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 57	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 29	NOT KNOWN 0	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF CUSTER  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 13100  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3756  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.488  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 17

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	61	5	66	62	99	93
(2) CIVIL CASES	302	20	322	244	81	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	161	5	166	134	95	80
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	141	15	156	110	64	70
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	107	3	110	64	152	58
JUVENILE (DJ)	18	0	18	14	108	77
ADOPTION (DA)	13	0	13	12	9	92
PROBATE (DP)	70	3	73	33	225	45
INSANITY (DI)	6	0	6	5	1	83
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	470	28	498	370	96	74

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 5		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 71	FOR DEFEND 2	GUILTY PLEA 7
GUILTY VERD 6	FOR PLAINT 15	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 17	DISMISSED 16	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 44	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 3	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 0	OTHER 21	OTHER 93
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0



# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF DANIELS  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 3100  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1443  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.148  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 15  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	5	0	5	5	56	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	39	0	39	29	83	74
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	29	0	29	20	85	68
DOMESTIC REL. (DW)	10	0	10	9	79	90
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	38	0	38	22	206	57
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROBATE (DP)	38	0	38	22	206	57
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	82	0	82	56	132	68

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0	FOR DEFEND	0	ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	50	FOR PLAINT	11	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	DISMISSED	22	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	50	DEFAULT	0	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	0	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	67	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	NOT KNOWN	0	OTHER	100
NOT KNOWN	0			NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF DAWSON  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 11400  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2370  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.810  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 7  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Avg TIME DAYS (5)	X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	65	7	70	50	42	71	
(2) CIVIL CASES	230	4	234	161	171	68	
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	145	0	145	93	202	64	
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	85	4	89	68	122	76	
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	97	3	100	52	305	52	
JUVENILE (DJ)	20	0	20	20	52	100	
ADOPTION (DA)	8	0	8	8	39	100	
PROBATE (DP)	65	3	68	20	450	29	
INSANILY (DI)	4	0	4	4	2	100	
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	390	14	404	263	176	65	

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC		
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	89	FUR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	15
GUILTY VERD	2	FUR PLAINT	18	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	32	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	2	OTHER	23	OTHER	85
NOT KNOWN	7	NOT KNOWN	2	NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF DEER LODGE  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 14300  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 740  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 19.324  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 11

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 3  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	17	1	18	14	102	77
(2) CIVIL CASES	261	16	277	210	108	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	159	5	164	129	155	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	102	11	113	81	80	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	146	3	149	108	161	72
JUVENILE (DJ)	29	1	30	23	22	76
ADOPTION (DA)	7	0	7	7	21	100
PRIBATE (DP)	52	2	54	20	266	37
INSANITY (DI)	58	0	58	58	583	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	424	20	444	332	116	74

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 58	FOR DEFEND 3	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 28	FOR PLAINT 26	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0	DISMISSED 7	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 8	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 7	CH OF VENUE 3	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 7	OTHER 54	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF FALLON  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 4000  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1633  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.449  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 3

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	Ave TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	13	0	13	9	106	69
(2) CIVIL CASES	56	7	63	47	125	74
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	29	2	31	27	140	87
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	27	5	32	20	103	62
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	31	0	31	22	294	70
JUVENILE (DJ)	1	0	1	2	148	200
ADOPITION (DA)	3	0	3	0	0	0
PROBATE (EP)	27	0	27	20	306	74
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	100	7	107	78	176	72

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	36	FOR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	25	FOR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	38	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF FERGUS  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 13300  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4242  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.135  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 15

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 10  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	40	4	44	36	76	81
(2) CIVIL CASES	255	9	264	202	119	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	140	3	143	111	144	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DW)	115	6	121	91	90	75
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	139	4	143	83	201	58
JUVENILE (DJ)	26	3	29	23	172	79
ADOPTION (DA)	14	0	14	12	38	85
PROBATE (DP)	92	1	93	41	272	44
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	7	7	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	434	17	451	321	135	71

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	3			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	54	FOR DEFEND	2	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	14	FOR PLAINT	11	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	11	DISMISSED	29	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	1	DEFAULT	21	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	14	OTHER	30	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	3	NOT KNOWN	6	NOT KNOWN
				0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF FLATHEAD  
POPULATION (7/1/1977) 46400  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 5137  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 9.033  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 56

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 11  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

## CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	Ave TIME	(4)/(3)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)		X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	183	34	217	194	138		89
(2) CIVIL CASES	1491	77	1568	1260	105		80
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	873	12	885	728	113		82
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	618	65	683	532	96		77
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	328	13	341	211	117		61
JUVENILE (DJ)	76	8	84	45	118		53
ADOPTION (DA)	50	0	50	37	32		60
PROBATE (DP)	189	5	194	126	254		64
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	3	5		42
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2002	124	2126	1665	110		78

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		--CIVIL & DOM REL--		--JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	1	FOR DEFEND	1	ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	54	FOR PLAINT	56	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	3	DISMISSED	18	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	25	DEFAULT	11	DISMISSED	14
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	1	DEFAULT	1
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	13	CH OF VENUE	1
OTHER	3	NOT KNOWN	0	OTHER	80
NOT KNOWN	13			NOT KNOWN	4

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GALLATIN  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 38500  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2517  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 15.296  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 57

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 18  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	169	11	180	158	46	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	607	16	623	697	146	111
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	364	7	371	344	218	92
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	243	9	252	353	84	140
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	202	10	212	201	240	94
JUVENILE (DJ)	45	6	51	39	27	76
ADOPTION (DA)	28	0	28	27	40	96
PROBATE (DP)	119	4	123	127	283	103
INSANITY (DI)	10	0	10	8	0	80
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	978	37	1015	1056	138	104

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 3	FOR DEFEND 4	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 55	FOR PLAINT 9	GUILTY PLEA 2
GUILTY VERD 3	DISMISSED 17	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 21	DEFAULT 56	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 1	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 12	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 18	NOT KNOWN 0	OTHER 98
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GARFIELD  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 1800  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4455  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.404  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) CIVIL CASES	29	0	29	22	0	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	24	0	24	18	0	75
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	5	0	5	4	0	80
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	13	0	13	9	0	69
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRIGATE (DP)	13	0	13	9	0	69
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	42	0	42	31	0	73

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	0	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	0	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	OTHER	0	OTHER	0
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0



# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GLACIER  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10900  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2964  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.677  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 14

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 9  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	21	1	22	14	81	63
(2) CIVIL CASES	256	3	259	188	255	72
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	144	0	144	100	262	69
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	112	3	115	88	248	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	62	4	66	39	199	59
JUVENILE (OJ)	5	0	5	3	45	60
ADOPTION (OA)	16	0	16	16	71	100
PROBATE (OP)	40	4	44	19	258	43
INSANITY (OI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	339	8	347	241	234	69

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	9	FUR DEFEND	3	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FUR PLAINT	36	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	55	DISMISSED	31	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	23	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	27	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	9	OTHER	5	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				97
				0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GOLDEN VALLEY  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 900  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1176  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.765  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) CIVIL CASES	10	0	10	9	328	90
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	8	0	8	6	370	75
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	2	0	2	3	245	150
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	8	0	8	3	301	37
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	41	0
PROBATE (DP)	8	0	8	3	682	37
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	18	0	18	12	341	66

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	0	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	0	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	71	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	29	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF GRANITE	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	3
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	3
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES		
ATTORNEY POPULATION		

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(6)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	10	1	11	9	0	81
(2) CIVIL CASES	100	3	103	78	0	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	83	2	85	63	0	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	17	1	18	15	0	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	38	2	40	25	0	62
JUVENILE (DJ)	7	1	8	4	0	50
ADOPTION (DA)	5	0	5	4	0	80
PROBATE (DP)	26	1	27	17	0	62
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	148	6	154	112	0	72

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0	FUR DEFEND 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 0	FUR PLAINT 0	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	DISMISSED 0	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0	DEFAULT 0	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 0	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 100	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 0	NOT KNOWN 0	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF BILL  
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 18300  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2927  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 6.252  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 20

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 12  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4) DAYS (5)		
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	54	4	58	46	157	79
(2) CIVIL CASES	481	24	505	348	169	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	356	11	367	248	212	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	125	13	138	100	136	72
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	155	6	162	88	153	54
JUVENILE (DJ)	44	1	45	35	41	77
ADULTION (DA)	10	0	10	10	83	100
PROBATE (DP)	97	5	102	38	302	37
INSANITY (DI)	5	0	5	5	53	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	691	34	725	522	164	72

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	3			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	49	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	3	FOR PLAINT	17	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	31	DISMISSED	32	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	33	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	3	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	15	OTHER	15	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	5
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 7100	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	3
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1652	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.298		
ATTORNEY POPULATION 5		

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	39	9	48	22	131	45
(2) CIVIL CASES	424	58	482	282	129	58
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	368	58	426	242	148	56
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	56	0	56	40	64	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	37	2	39	40	167	102
JUVENILE (DJ)	9	1	10	10	69	100
ADOPTION (DA)	3	0	3	3	90	100
PROBATE (DP)	24	1	25	26	282	104
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	500	69	569	344	135	60

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	5			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	53	FUP DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	11	FUP PLAINT	11	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	5	DISMISSED	11	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	24	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	3	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	26	OTHER	50	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF JUDITH BASIN  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 2800  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1880  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.469  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 10  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)		X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	2	0	2	2	0		100
(2) CIVIL CASES	41	0	41	34	147		82
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	27	0	27	21	172		77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	14	0	14	13	23		92
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	27	0	27	18	477		66
JUVENILE (DJ)	4	0	4	2	0		50
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0		100
PROBATE (DP)	21	0	21	14	477		66
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0		0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	70	0	70	54	318		77

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	0	FOR DEFEND	16	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	36	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	24	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	24	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	0	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF LAKE  
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 17600  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1494  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 11.780  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 15

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG	PE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	78	6	84	65	89	78
(2) CIVIL CASES	426	27	453	342	92	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	240	8	248	194	86	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	186	19	205	148	99	72
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	141	5	146	81	173	55
JUVENILE (DJ)	26	1	27	20	54	74
ADOPTION (DA)	24	0	24	24	37	100
PROBATE (DP)	88	4	92	34	275	36
INSANITY (DI)	3	0	3	3	7	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	645	38	683	489	114	71

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	4			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	75	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA	1
GUILTY VERD	7	FOR PLAINT	9	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	16	DISMISSED	3
DEFAULT	2	DEFAULT	42	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	2	OTHER	31	OTHER	94
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF LEWIS & CLARK  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 39300  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3476  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 11.306  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 212

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 1  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	159	23	182	140	125	76
(2) CIVIL CASES	1480	45	1525	1281	122	84
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	972	14	986	761	148	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	508	31	539	520	91	96
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	367	18	385	317	171	82
JUVENILE (DJ)	127	6	133	98	35	73
ADOPTION (DA)	47	0	47	39	28	82
PROBATE (DP)	181	11	192	169	329	88
INSANITY (DI)	12	1	13	11	0	84
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2006	86	2092	1738	133	83

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 1	ACQUITTED 0	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 63	FOR DEFEND 1	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 3	FOR PLAINT 25	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 17	DISMISSED 22	DISMISSED 2
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 36	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 4	CH OF VENUE 1
OTHER 17	OTHER 12	OTHER 97
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0



# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF LIBERTY  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 2500  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1439  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.807  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 12  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	0	0	0	3	93	0
(2) CIVIL CASES	43	0	43	31	114	72
GENERAL, (CIVIL) (DV)	36	0	36	26	125	72
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	7	0	7	5	61	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	26	0	26	17	323	65
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	0	0	0
PROBATE (DP)	23	0	23	17	323	73
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	69	0	69	51	208	73

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0	FUR DEFEND	0
GUILTY PLEA	100	FUR PLAINT	0
GUILTY VERD	0	DISMISSED	0
DISMISSED	0	DEFAULT	0
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	0
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	100
OTHER	0	NOT KNOWN	0
NOT KNOWN	0		

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 16700  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3714  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.496  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 10

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 19  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 1  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	Ave TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) (6)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	90	4	94	76	165	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	389	10	399	312	142	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	162	6	168	131	193	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	227	4	231	181	95	78
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	113	5	118	67	277	56
JUVENILE (DJ)	33	2	35	26	47	74
ADOPTION (DA)	15	1	16	15	99	93
PROBATE (DP)	60	1	61	23	531	37
INSANITY (DI)	5	1	6	3	5	50
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	592	19	611	455	156	74

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

### -- CRIMINAL --

ACQUITTED 0  
 GUILTY PLEA 59  
 GUILTY VERD 10  
 DISMISSED 23  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 0  
 OTHER 8  
 NOT KNOWN 0

### -CIVIL & DOM REL-

FOR DEFEND 2  
 FOR PLAINT 13  
 DISMISSED 14  
 DEFAULT 45  
 CH OF VENUE 3  
 OTHER 22  
 NOT KNOWN 1

### -JUV, PROB & MISC

ACQUITTED 7  
 GUILTY PLEA 0  
 GUILTY VERD 0  
 DISMISSED 7  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 7  
 OTHER 79  
 NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MONTANA  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 2800  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2607  
 DENSITY PER SQ. MILES 1.074  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 7  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THROUGHPUT
	INITIAL	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(X100)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (100)	8	0	8	7	210	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	35	0	35	27	138	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (100)	23	0	23	21	150	75
DOMESTIC REL. (000)	7	0	7	6	102	85
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	23	0	23	19	346	78
JUVENILE (000)	4	0	4	5	17	125
ADOPTION (000)	1	0	1	1	9	100
PROBATE (000)	18	0	18	12	376	66
INSANITY (000)	1	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	66	0	66	52	242	76

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV., PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	60	FOR DEFEND	4	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	29	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	40	DISMISSED	38	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	3	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	OTHER	17	OTHER	100
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MADISON  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 5700  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 3528  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.616  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 3

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 5  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	CRIM	RE-DUP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	27	1	28	25	45	89
(2) CIVIL CASES	125	4	129	99	175	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (CV)	97	2	99	74	237	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	28	2	30	25	62	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	33	4	37	24	386	64
JUVENILE (JU)	3	0	3	2	0	66
ADOPTION (OA)	4	0	4	4	0	100
PROBATE (EP)	25	4	29	17	366	58
INSANITY (II)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	145	9	154	148	163	76

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV., PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0	FOR DEFEND 3	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 45	FOR PLAINT 15	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	DISMISSED 12	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 0	DEFAULT 15	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 3	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 56	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 55	NOT KNOWN 3	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MEAGHER  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 2200  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2354  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.935  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT 1(4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4) DAYS (5)		X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	2	0	2	8	0	88	
(2) CIVIL CASES	36	0	36	29	128	86	
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	19	0	19	14	226	73	
DOMESTIC REL. (OS)	17	0	17	15	107	88	
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	15	0	15	12	569	66	
JUVENILE (OM)	2	0	2	1	0	50	
ABORTION (OA)	2	0	2	2	0	100	
PROBATE (OP)	11	0	11	9	569	64	
INSANITY (OI)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	53	0	53	49	153	77	

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---  
 ACQUITTED 0  
 GUILTY PLEA 0  
 GUILTY VERD 0  
 DISMISSED 0  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 0  
 OTHER 0  
 NOT KNOWN 0

-CIVIL & DOM REL-  
 FJP DEFEND 0  
 FJP PLAINT 35  
 DISMISSED 11  
 DEFAULT 7  
 CH OF VENUE 0  
 OTHER 48  
 NOT KNOWN 0

-JUV., PROB & MISC  
 ACQUITTED 0  
 GUILTY PLEA 0  
 GUILTY VERD 0  
 DISMISSED 0  
 DEFAULT 0  
 CH OF VENUE 0  
 OTHER 100  
 NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MINERAL  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 3400  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1222  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2,782  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 2

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME (5) DAYS	(4)/(3)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	7	0	7	7	119	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	79	2	81	85	98	83
GENERAL, CIVIL (CV)	57	2	59	58	98	97
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	42	0	42	30	77	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	16	1	17	10	100	58
JUVENILE (DJ)	1	0	1	1	14	100
ADOPTION (DA)	5	0	5	4	10	80
PROBATE (DP)	10	1	11	5	340	45
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	102	3	105	85	103	80

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV., PROB & MISC		
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED	0	
GUILTY PLEA	100	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	22	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	7	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	4	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	OTHER	02	OTHER	100
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MISSOULA  
 POPULATION (7/1/1977) 66800  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2612  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 25.574  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 158

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	223	40	263	305	140	115
(2) CIVIL CASES	2131	117	2248	1803	108	80
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	1241	31	1272	947	120	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	890	86	976	856	89	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	411	46	457	412	285	90
JUVENILE (DJ)	83	17	100	90	174	90
ADOPTION (DA)	70	0	70	65	38	92
PROBATE (DP)	248	27	275	247	484	89
INSANITY (DI)	10	2	12	10	3	83
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	2765	203	2968	2520	125	84

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	3			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	72	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	11
GUILTY VERD	7	FOR PLAINT	11	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	15	DISMISSED	17	DISMISSED	5
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	49	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	4	OTHER	22	OTHER	53
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	2

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF MUSSELSHELL  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 4700  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1687  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.491  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	THRUPT
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	34	1	35	31	16	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	95	5	100	77	105	77
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	62	3	65	47	129	72
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	33	2	35	30	72	85
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	65	2	67	41	98	61
JUVENILE (JJ)	35	1	36	20	18	55
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (PB)	28	1	29	19	157	65
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	194	8	202	149	83	73

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 75	FOR DEFEND 0	GUILTY PLEA 5
GUILTY VERD 1	FOR PLAINT 22	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 7	DISMISSED 12	DISMISSED 5
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 18	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 3	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 18	OTHER 45	OTHER 57
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 33



# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PARK		JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	6
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	12500	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	2
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	2626	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES	4.760		
ATTORNEY POPULATION	10		

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRU PUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	L(4)/(3)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	54	4	58	46	106		79
(2) CIVIL CASES	321	22	343	258	161		75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	161	5	166	139	131		78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	160	17	177	128	138		72
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	104	4	108	63	678		58
JUVENILE (DJ)	31	1	32	24	64		75
ADOPTION (DA)	13	0	13	13	17		100
PROBATE (PR)	55	3	58	21	843		36
INSANITY (DI)	5	0	5	5	0		100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	479	30	509	367	287		72

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	58	FOR DEFEND	3	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	15	FOR PLAINT	22	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	5	DISMISSED	21	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	32	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	23	OTHER	20	OTHER	100
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PETROLEUM  
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 700  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1655  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 0.423  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 0

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 10  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-JP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)		
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	1	0	1	1	0		100
(2) CIVIL CASES	6	0	6	4	0		66
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	2	0	2	1	0		50
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	4	0	4	3	0		75
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	11	0	11	8	0		72
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0		0
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0		100
PROBATE (DP)	8	0	8	5	0		62
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0		100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	18	0	18	13	0		72

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	0	FDP DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FDP PLAINT	0	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	0	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PHILLIPS		JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	17
POPULATION(7/1/1977)	5400	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	2
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	5213	JUDGES ASSIGNED	1
DENSITY PER SQ MILES	1.036		
ATTORNEY POPULATION	3		

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVG TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	16	1	17	15	0	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	132	5	137	108	17	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	74	1	75	56	17	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	58	4	62	52	0	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	34	3	37	23	1	62
JUVENILE (DJ)	2	0	2	1	0	50
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (DP)	30	3	33	20	1	60
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	182	9	191	146	10	76

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	0	FUP DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FUP PLAINT	0	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	33	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	67	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PONDERA  
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 7400  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1645  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.498  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 7

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 9  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	13	0	13	8	298	61	
(2) CIVIL CASES	91	4	95	84	463	88	
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	55	3	58	70	409	120	
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	36	1	37	14	245	57	
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	59	2	61	45	978	73	
JUVENILE (DJ)	12	0	12	2	6	16	
ADOPTION (DA)	12	0	12	0	0	0	
PROBATE (DP)	32	2	34	41	1053	120	
INSANITY (DI)	3	0	3	2	13	66	
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	163	6	169	137	621	51	

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC --
ACQUITTED 0	FOR DEFEND 2	ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 0	FOR PLAINT 4	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	DISMISSED 67	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 75	DEFAULT 7	DISMISSED 4
DEFAULT 0	CH OF VENUE 4	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	OTHER 16	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 25	NOT KNOWN 0	OTHER 96
NOT KNOWN 0		NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF POWDER RIVER	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	16
POPULATION (7/1/1977)	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	7
AREA IN SQUARE MILES	JUDGES ASSIGNED	2
DENSITY PER SQ MILES		
ATTORNEY POPULATION		

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	(4)/(3)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	12	0	12	10	76	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	34	0	34	19	263	55
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	25	0	25	13	315	52
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	9	0	9	6	132	66
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	19	0	19	7	0	36
JUVENILE (DJ)	3	0	3	1	0	33
ADoption (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (DP)	14	0	14	4	0	28
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	65	0	65	36	221	55

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC --
ACQUITTED	FOR DEFEND	ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	FOR PLAINT	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	DISMISSED	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	DEFAULT	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	CH OF VENUE	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	OTHER	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	NOT KNOWN	OTHER
NOT KNOWN		NOT KNOWN

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF POWELL  
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 7400  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2336  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.168  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 7

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 3  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4) DAYS (5)	(4)/(3)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (PC)	34	3	37	31	76	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	149	6	155	121	68	78
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	91	2	93	69	51	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	58	4	62	52	73	83
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	50	3	53	35	286	60
JUVENILE (JJ)	10	2	12	6	0	50
ADOPTION (DA)	6	0	6	6	179	100
PROBATE (PR)	33	1	34	22	307	64
INSANITY (II)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	233	12	245	187	100	76

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	--	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	62	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	3	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	19	DISMISSED	3	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	3	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	3	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	19	OTHER	79	OTHER	100
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	10	NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF PRAIRIE  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 1800  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1730  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.040  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	2	0	2	2	20	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	27	0	27	18	103	66
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	20	0	20	15	125	75
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	7	0	7	3	59	42
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	13	0	13	8	348	61
JUVENILE (DJ)	2	0	2	1	0	50
ADOPTION (DA)	2	0	2	2	0	100
PROBATE (DP)	9	0	9	5	348	55
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES - (1+2+3)	42	0	42	28	198	66

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	100	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	0	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	14	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	86	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF RAVALLI  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 19300  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2382  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 8.102  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 14

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	80	7	87	76	81	87
(2) CIVIL CASES	378	25	403	322	223	79
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	189	6	195	174	272	89
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	189	19	208	148	105	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	126	5	131	67	470	51
JUVENILE (DJ)	36	1	37	28	71	75
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	13	0
PROBATE (DP)	83	4	87	32	833	36
INSANITY (DI)	7	0	7	7	10	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	584	37	621	465	253	74

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV., PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 1		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 87	FOR DEFEND 0	GUILTY PLEA 1
GUILTY VERD 4	FOR PLAINT 5	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 1	DISMISSED 22	DISMISSED 6
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 7	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 6	CH OF VENUE 2
OTHER 4	OTHER 54	OTHER 90
NOT KNOWN 1	NOT KNOWN 5	NOT KNOWN 2



# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF RICHLAND  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10200  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2079  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.906  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 8

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 7  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPTUT (4)/(3) X100
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	22	2	24	20	76	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	207	11	218	163	106	74
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	137	4	141	110	122	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	70	7	77	53	78	68
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	103	3	106	61	258	57
JUVENILE (DJ)	19	0	19	15	32	78
ADOPTION (DA)	19	0	19	20	19	105
PROBATE (DP)	63	3	66	24	338	36
INSANITY (DI)	2	0	2	2	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	332	16	348	244	159	70

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --		-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	33	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	19	FOR PLAINT	9	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	5	DISMISSED	13	DISMISSED	1
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	48	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	43	OTHER	28	OTHER	99
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN	0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF ROOSEVELT  
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10600  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2365  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 4.444  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 9

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 15  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THROUGHPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	19	2	21	18	26	85
(2) CIVIL CASES	142	9	151	114	322	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	85	3	88	69	372	78
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	57	6	63	45	270	71
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	74	2	76	33	9	43
JUVENILE (DJ)	8	0	8	6	4	75
ADOPTION (DA)	10	0	10	5	13	50
PROBATE (DP)	55	2	57	21	0	36
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	4	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	235	13	248	165	280	66

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	69	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	21	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	19	DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	25	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	13	OTHER	24	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	1	NOT KNOWN
				22

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF ROSEBUD  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 10500  
 AREA IN SQAURE MILES 5037  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.085  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 6

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 16  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 7  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 2

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRU PUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES AVE TIME (4) DAYS	(5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	27	1	28	30	102	107
(2) CIVIL CASES	195	35	230	199	120	86
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	116	13	129	135	104	104
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	79	22	101	64	141	63
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	80	2	82	45	178	54
JUVENILE (DJ)	21	2	23	13	62	56
ADOPTION (DA)	11	0	11	11	79	100
PRIBATE (DP)	47	0	47	20	385	42
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	302	38	340	274	127	80

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0	FUR DEFEND	5	ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	53	FUR PLAINT	44	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	17			GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	30	DISMISSED	16	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	15	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	16	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	2	NOT KNOWN

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF SANDERS  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 8400  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2778  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.024  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 5

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 4  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	DPG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME (5)	THRUPUT (6)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	26	4	30	20	109	66
(2) CIVIL CASES	173	8	181	136	65	75
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	87	2	89	66	78	74
DOMESTIC REL. (DW)	86	6	92	70	93	76
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	87	2	89	59	92	66
JUVENILE (DJ)	10	0	10	6	73	60
ADOPTION (DA)	8	0	8	8	27	100
PROBATE (DP)	69	2	71	45	187	63
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	286	14	300	215	88	71

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	68	FOR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	9	FOR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	14	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	9	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF SWEET GRASS  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 3100  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1840  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.685  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 5

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 6  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS			THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	X100	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (CC)	13	0	13	11	212		84
(2) CIVIL CASES	57	0	57	49	109		85
GENERAL, CIVIL (GV)	33	0	33	27	134		81
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	24	0	24	22	50		91
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	36	0	36	18	347		50
JUVENILE (JJ)	3	0	3	3	75		100
ADOPTION (PA)	2	0	2	2	0		100
PROBATE (PR)	29	0	29	12	371		41
INSANITY (DI)	2	0	2	1	0		50
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	106	0	106	78	194		73

## M E T H O D S O F D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0	FUR DEFEND	0
GUILTY PLEA	25	FUR PLAINT	0
GUILTY VERD	13	DISMISSED	0
DISMISSED	63	DEFAULT	4
DEFAULT	0	CH OF VENUE	0
CH OF VENUE	0	OTHER	96
OTHER	0	NOT KNOWN	0
NOT KNOWN	0		

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF STILLWATER  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 5300  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1794  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.954  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 5

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT 1.(4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	23	2	25	20	75	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	94	4	98	75	254	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	66	1	67	50	256	74
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	28	3	31	25	248	80
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	41	1	42	26	283	61
JUVENILE (OJJ)	1	0	1	0	0	0
ADOPTION (OA)	2	0	2	1	4	50
PROBATE (OP)	38	1	39	25	294	64
INSANITY (OI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	158	7	165	121	237	73

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	100	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOP PLAINT	3	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	31	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	17	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	49	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100
				0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF SILVER HORN	JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO	2
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 40200	COUNTIES IN THE DIST	1
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 715	JUDGES ASSIGNED	2
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 56.224		
ATTORNEY POPULATION 95		

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	THRUPT (4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	73	11	84	74	121	88
(2) CIVIL CASES	854	32	886	761	157	85
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	506	9	515	438	240	85
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	348	23	371	323	84	87
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	359	22	381	307	202	80
JUVENILE (DJ)	82	9	91	68	0	74
ADOPTION (DA)	35	0	35	31	36	88
PROBATE (DP)	206	12	218	163	246	83
INSANITY (DI)	36	1	37	25	0	67
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	1286	65	1351	1142	160	84

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	6			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	61	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	7	FOR PLAINT	4	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	22	DISMISSED	16	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	2	DEFAULT	62	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	2	OTHER	12	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	3	NOT KNOWN
				22

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 5200  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1694  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 3.070  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 3

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 15  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 3  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	6	0	6	4	5	66
(2) CIVIL CASES	80	4	84	59	172	70
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	53	4	57	39	177	68
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	27	0	27	20	163	74
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	55	1	56	50	583	89
JUVENILE (DJ)	3	0	3	0	0	0
ADOPTION (DA)	12	0	12	3	8	25
PROBATE (DP)	40	1	41	47	619	114
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	141	5	146	113	345	77

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC	
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	100	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	10	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED	0
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	20	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	2	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	0	OTHER	43	OTHER	100
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0



# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF TETON  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 6500  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2294  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2,833  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 4

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 9  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS (THRUPT)		
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100 (6)
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	11	0	11	13	212	118
(2) CIVIL CASES	87	7	94	95	135	101
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	57	0	57	56	157	98
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	30	7	37	39	101	105
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	50	1	51	32	244	62
JUVENILE (DJ)	4	0	4	2	81	50
ADOPTION (DA)	5	0	5	4	25	80
PROBATE (DP)	40	1	41	25	353	60
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	148	8	156	140	165	89

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL ---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED 0		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 71	FOR DEFEND 1	GUILTY PLEA 0
GUILTY VERD 0	FOR PLAINT 15	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 7	DISMISSED 18	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 3	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 3	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 21	OTHER 60	OTHER 100
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF TOOLE  
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 5500  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1950  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.821  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 6

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 9  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	ORIG (1)	FILINGS		TOTAL (3)	DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
		RE-UP (2)			CASES (4)	AVG TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	21	0		21	15	134	71
(2) CIVIL CASES	127	9		136	113	157	83
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	85	7		92	76	173	82
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	42	2		44	37	124	84
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	73	4		77	60	453	77
JUVENILE (FJ)	5	1		6	3	54	50
ADOPTION (FA)	6	0		6	2	26	33
PROBATE (DP)	59	3		62	55	496	88
INSANITY (DI)	3	0		3	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	221	13		234	188	250	80

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	47	FOP DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOP PLAINT	12	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	33	DISMISSED	18	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	35	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	7	CH OF VENUE	4	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	13	OTHER	29	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	2	NOT KNOWN

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF TREASURE  
POPULATION(7/1/1977) 1300  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 985  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.320  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

## CASELOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		
	ORIG	PE-OP	TOTAL	CAGES AVE TIME		(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	6	0	6	5	33	83
(2) CIVIL CASES	22	0	22	6	154	27
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	16	0	16	2	219	12
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	6	0	6	4	52	66
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	7	0	7	7	713	100
JUVENILE (DJ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADUPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROBATE (DP)	7	0	7	7	713	100
INSANITY (DI)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	35	0	35	18	246	51

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	100	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	38	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	8	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	54	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				33

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF VALLEY  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 12600  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 4974  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 2.533  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 11

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 17  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 2  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-UP	TOTAL	CASES	AVG TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	27	1	28	23	117	82
(2) CIVIL CASES	212	10	222	170	117	76
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	130	6	136	105	99	77
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	82	4	86	65	134	75
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	107	2	109	53	360	48
JUVENILE (DJ)	17	1	18	13	0	72
ADOPTION (DA)	14	0	14	14	14	100
PRIBATE (DP)	72	1	73	22	382	50
INSANITY (DI)	4	0	4	4	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	346	13	359	246	144	68

## M E T H O D S   O F   D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-	-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	5		ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	65	FOR DEFEND	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	8	FOR PLAINT	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	16	DISMISSED	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	9	OTHER	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	5	NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF WHEATLAND  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 2400  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 1420  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.690  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 14  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## CASE LOAD

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG (1)	RE-OP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	(4)/(3) X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (JC)	10	0	10	11	72	110
(2) CIVIL CASES	40	0	40	25	149	62
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	26	0	26	12	100	46
DOMESTIC REL. (DR)	14	0	14	13	143	92
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	20	0	20	13	300	65
JUVENILE (DJ)	4	0	4	2	18	50
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROBATE (DP)	15	0	15	10	321	66
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	0	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	70	0	70	49	184	70

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL --	-- CIVIL & DOM REL --	-- JUV, PROB & MISC --
ACQUITTED 20		ACQUITTED 0
GUILTY PLEA 60	FOR DEFEND 0	GUILTY PLEA 6
GUILTY VERD 10	FOR PLAINT 0	GUILTY VERD 0
DISMISSED 10	DISMISSED 33	DISMISSED 0
DEFAULT 0	DEFAULT 33	DEFAULT 0
CH OF VENUE 0	CH OF VENUE 5	CH OF VENUE 0
OTHER 0	OTHER 24	OTHER 94
NOT KNOWN 0	NOT KNOWN 5	NOT KNOWN 0

# SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF WILBAUX  
 POPULATION(7/1/1977) 1500  
 AREA IN SQUARE MILES 890  
 DENSITY PER SQ MILES 1.685  
 ATTORNEY POPULATION 1

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 7  
 COUNTIES IN THE DIST 4  
 JUDGES ASSIGNED 1

## C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT
	ORIG	RE-OP	TOTAL	CASES	AVE TIME	(4)/(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	DAYS (5)	X100
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (DC)	1	0	1	1	0	100
(2) CIVIL CASES	47	0	47	31	130	65
GENERAL, CIVIL (DV)	37	0	37	28	140	75
DOMESTIC REL. (DP)	10	0	10	3	74	30
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	27	0	27	18	258	66
JUVENILE (DJ)	2	0	2	2	0	100
ADOPTION (DA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROBATE (DP)	24	0	24	15	322	62
INSANITY (DI)	1	0	1	1	4	100
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	75	0	75	50	165	66

## M E T H O D S    O F    D I S P O S I T I O N

(ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES)

-- CRIMINAL	---	-CIVIL & DOM REL-		-JUV, PROB & MISC
ACQUITTED	0			ACQUITTED
GUILTY PLEA	0	FOR DEFEND	0	GUILTY PLEA
GUILTY VERD	0	FOR PLAINT	65	GUILTY VERD
DISMISSED	0	DISMISSED	9	DISMISSED
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	9	CH OF VENUE
OTHER	0	OTHER	18	OTHER
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN
				100

SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA: ANNUAL REPORT, 1977-78

DISTRICT COURT OF YELLOWSTONE  
POPULATION (7/1/1977) 100700  
AREA IN SQUARE MILES 2642  
DENSITY PER SQ MILES 38.115  
ATTORNEY POPULATION 217

JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO 13  
COUNTIES IN THE DIST 5  
JUDGES ASSIGNED 3

C A S E L O A D

CASE TYPE	FILINGS			DISPOSITIONS		THRUPUT (4)/(3)
	ORIG (1)	RE-UP (2)	TOTAL (3)	CASES (4)	AVE TIME DAYS (5)	
(1) CRIMINAL CASES (OC)	394	17	411	332	108	80
(2) CIVIL CASES	2973	106	3076	2690	143	87
GENERAL, CIVIL (OV)	1756	41	1797	1647	156	91
DOMESTIC REL. (OR)	1214	65	1279	1043	123	81
(3) JUV., PROB. & MISC.	690	8	698	502	253	71
JUVENILE (OJ)	175	5	180	115	81	63
ADOPTION (OA)	110	2	112	100	51	89
PROBATE (OP)	301	1	302	238	459	78
INSANITY (OI)	104	0	104	49	16	47
TOTAL CASES (1+2+3)	4054	131	4185	3524	155	84

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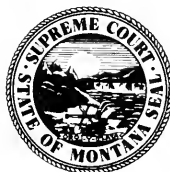
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ACQUITTED	1			ACQUITTED	0
GUILTY PLEA	67	FOR DEFEND	1	GUILTY PLEA	0
GUILTY VERD	5	FOR PLAINT	28	GUILTY VERD	0
DISMISSED	25	DISMISSED	18	DISMISSED	8
DEFAULT	0	DEFAULT	38	DEFAULT	0
CH OF VENUE	0	CH OF VENUE	1	CH OF VENUE	0
OTHER	4	OTHER	14	OTHER	92
NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0	NOT KNOWN	0





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